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| <b>(57) Abstract</b><br><p>A compound of structural formula (I), or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof wherein: Q is selected from the structures i, ii, iii, iv and v. The compounds are useful antimicrobial agents, effective against a number of human and veterinary pathogens, particularly aerobic gram-positive bacteria, including multiply-resistant staphylococci, enterococci and streptococci, as well as anaerobic organisms such as bacteroids and clostridia species, and acid-fast bacteria such as as <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> and other mycobacterial species.</p>                     |  |   |  |
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## PHENYLOXAZOLIDINONE ANTIMICROBIALS

Background of the Invention

5 The subject invention discloses new and useful phenyloxazolidinone compounds having either a pyrrolidinyl or azetidinyl moiety. The compounds are useful antimicrobial agents, effective against a number of human and veterinary pathogens, including gram-positive aerobic bacteria such as multiply-resistant staphylococci, streptococci and enterococci as well as anaerobic organisms such as  
10 *Bacteroides spp.* and *Clostridia spp.* species, and acid-fast organisms such as *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, *Mycobacterium avium* and *Mycobacterium spp.*

Information Disclosure

15 The present compounds are related by their phenyloxazolidinone ring structure to the compounds disclosed in the publications below except that the subject compounds have a multi-substituted pyrrolidinyl or azetidinyl moiety. The instant compounds are unique and have useful antibacterial activity.

PCT/US93/03570 application discloses oxazolidinones containing a substituted diazine moiety and their uses as antimicrobials.

20 PCT/US92/08267 application discloses substituted aryl and heteroaryl-phenyl-oxazolidinones useful as antibacterial agents.

25 PCT/US89/03548 application discloses 5'indolinyl-5 $\beta$ -amidomethyloxazolidinones, 3-(fused-ring substituted)phenyl-5 $\beta$ -amidomethyloxazolidinones, and 3-(nitrogen substituted)phenyl-5 $\beta$ -amidomethyloxazolidinones which are useful as antibacterial agents.

Other references disclosing various oxazolidinones include US Patent 4,801,600, 4,921,869, Gregory W. A., et al., *J. Med. Chem.*, 32, 1673-81 (1989); Gregory W. A., et al., *J. Med. Chem.*, 33, 2569-78 (1990); Wang C., et al., *Tetrahedron*, 45, 1323-26 (1989); and Brittelli, et al., *J. Med. Chem.*, 35, 1156 (1992).

30 European Patent Publication 352,781 discloses phenyl and pyridyl substituted phenyl oxazolidinones.

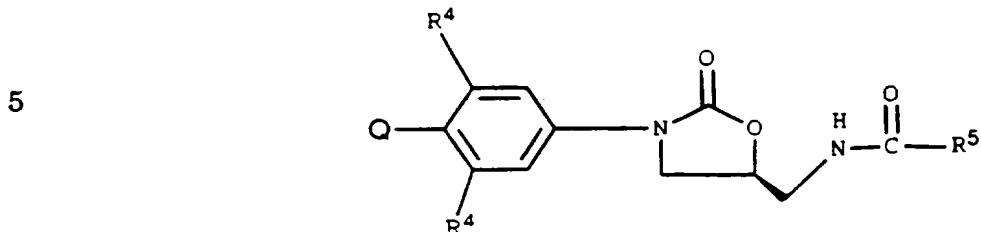
European Patent Publication 316,594 discloses 3-substituted styryl oxazolidinones.

35 European Patent Publication 312,000 discloses phenylmethyl and pyridinylmethyl substituted phenyl oxazolidinones.

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Summary of the Invention

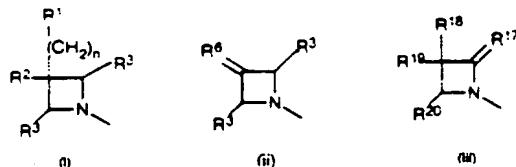
In one aspect the subject invention is a compound of structural Formula I:



or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof wherein:

10 Q is selected from the structures i, ii, iii, iv and v:

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R<sup>1</sup> is (a) H or F,  
 25 (b) OR<sup>7</sup>,  
 (c) SR<sup>7</sup>,  
 (d) NR<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup>,  
 (e) CN,  
 (f) C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxycarbonyl,  
 30 (g) carboxamide,  
 (h) C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> acyl optionally substituted with one or more of the following:  
     fluorine, hydroxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> acyloxy;  
 (i) NHO(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl) or NHOCH<sub>2</sub>Ph  
 (j) NSO<sub>2</sub>R where R is C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl optionally substituted with one or more  
 35 F, Cl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy or phenyl;  
 each R<sup>2</sup> is independently selected from

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(a) H or F,  
(b) OH,  
(c) OR where R is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl,  
(d) C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl,  
5 (e) Ph;  
each R<sup>3</sup> is independently selected from  
(a) H,  
(b) C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl which can be optionally substituted with F, Cl, hydroxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkoxy carbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> acyloxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyloxy or N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl)<sub>2</sub>,  
10 (c) phenyl,  
(d) pyridyl;  
R<sup>4</sup> is independently H, OCH<sub>3</sub>, F or Cl;  
R<sup>5</sup> is (a) hydrogen,  
15 (b) C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl optionally substituted with one or more of the following: F, Cl, hydroxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> acyloxy,  
(c) C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkyl,  
(d) amino,  
(e) C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkylamino,  
(f) C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> dialkylamino,  
20 (g) C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkoxy;  
R<sup>6</sup> is (a) O,  
(b) S,  
(c) NR<sup>10</sup>,  
(d) CR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup>,  
25 (e) (OR)<sub>2</sub>, where R = C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl,  
(f) O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>O,  
(g) (SR)<sub>2</sub>, where R = C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl,  
(h) S(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>S  
(i) to fill the valence OH and H, H and H, H and F or F and F;  
30 R<sup>7</sup> is (a) H,  
(b) C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl optionally substituted with one or more of the following: F, Cl, -CN, hydroxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> acyloxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkoxy carbonyl, phenyl,  
(c) C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> acyl optionally substituted with one or more of the following: hydroxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> acyloxy,  
35 (d) C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkoxy carbonyl,

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(e) carboxamide, optionally substituted with a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl or phenyl on the carboxamide nitrogen,

(f) phenyl, optionally substituted with one or more of the following: halogen, CN, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkoxy carbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl optionally substituted with one or more of F or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkoxy;

5 R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> are independently selected from:

(a) H

(b) C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl optionally substituted with one or more of the following: F, Cl, -CN, hydroxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> acyloxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkoxy carbonyl, phenyl,

10 (c) C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> acyl optionally substituted with one or more of the following: hydroxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> acyloxy, amino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> acylamino, amino-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> acylamino,

(d) benzoyl optionally substituted with one or more of the following: F, Cl, hydroxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> acyloxy, amino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> acylamino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy carbonyl amino,

15 (e) C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkoxy carbonyl, benzyloxycarbonyl, tertbutoxycarbonyl,

(f) carboxamide, optionally substituted with a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl or phenyl on the carboxamide nitrogen

20 (g) trifluoracetyl

(h) CO(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl);

R<sup>10</sup> is

(a) H,

(b) OR<sup>7</sup>,

(c) NHR<sup>7</sup>,

25 (d) C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl optionally substituted with phenyl;

R<sup>11</sup> and R<sup>12</sup> are independently selected from:

(a) H, F,

(b) C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl optionally substituted with halogen, hydroxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy carbonyl, phenyl,

30 (c) C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> acyl,

(d) C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy carbonyl,

(e) CN;

R<sup>17</sup> is

(a) O,

(b) S;

35 R<sup>18</sup> and R<sup>19</sup> are independently selected from:

(a) H.

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(b)  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl optionally substituted with halogen, hydroxy,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkoxy,  
 5 (c) OH,  
 (d)  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkoxy optionally substituted with hydroxy or  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkoxy,  
 (e)  $NR^8R^9$   
 (f)  $-OC(O)C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl;

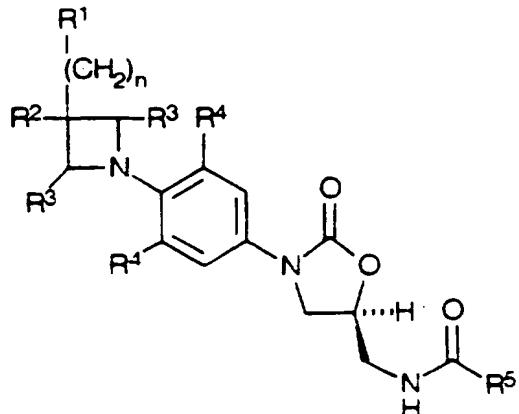
$R^{20}$  is (a) H,

(b)  $CH_3$ ;

n is 0 or 1 and m is 2 or 3.

10 In one aspect the subject invention is a compound of structural Formula i:

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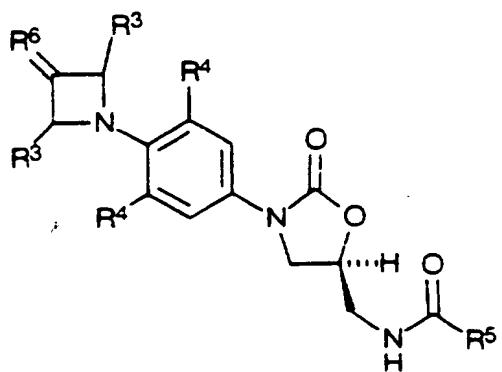


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In another aspect the subject invention is composed of structural Formula ii:

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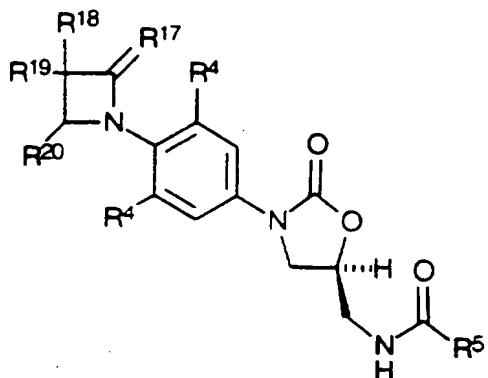


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In another aspect the subject invention is composed of structural Formula iii:

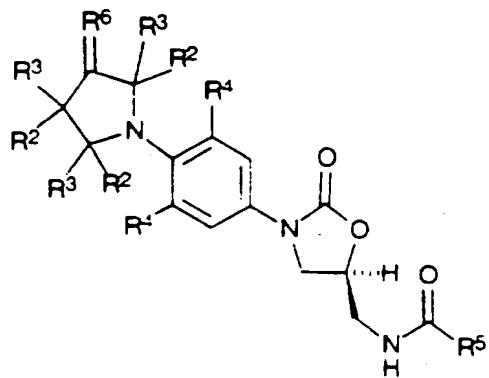
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In yet another aspect, the subject invention is a compound of structural Formula iv:

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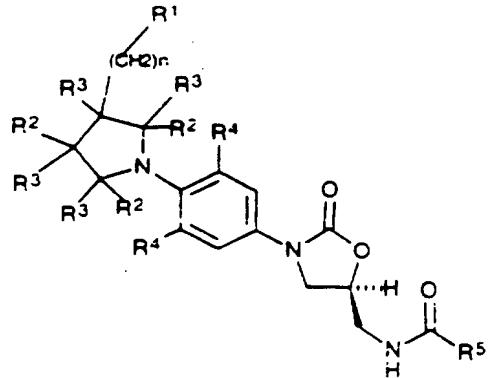


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In yet another aspect, the subject invention is a compound of structural Formula v:

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In another aspect, the subject invention is directed toward a method for treating microbial infections in humans or other warm-blooded animals by administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of Formula I (i-v) as described above. The compound can be administered in a 5 pharmaceutical composition either orally, parenterally or topically. Preferably the compound is administered in an amount of from about 0.1 to about 100 mg/kg of body weight/day, more preferably, from about 3.0 to about 50 mg/kg of body weight/day.

10 **Detailed Description of the Invention**

The present invention discloses novel substituted azetidinyl- and pyrrolidinyl-phenyloxazolidinones of structural Formula I (and as structurally represented in Formulas i-v) as described above. The compounds are useful antimicrobial agents, effective against a number of human and veterinary pathogens, particularly aerobic 15 gram-positive bacteria, including multiply-resistant staphylococci, enterococci and streptococci, as well as anaerobic organisms such as bacterooides and clostridia species, and acid-fast bacteria such as *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* and other mycobacterial species.

19 The R<sup>4</sup> substituents are preferably both fluorine and, more preferably, fluorine and hydrogen.

The R<sup>5</sup> substituent is preferably hydrogen, methyl, dichloromethyl, hydroxymethyl or methoxy. More preferably R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen, methoxy or methyl. It is most preferred that R<sup>5</sup> is methyl.

25 The R<sup>6</sup> substituent is preferably O, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O, NOH and NOCH<sub>3</sub>. "Alkyl" means carbon atom chains having the designated number of carbon atoms which can be either straight chained or branched.

"Alkoxy" means the designated number of carbon atoms attached to an oxygen forming such groups as methoxy (-OCH<sub>3</sub>), ethyloxy, butyloxy, etc. and isomeric forms thereof.

30 "Acyloxy" means the designated number of carbon atoms to form an organic acid where the OH group has been deleted, such as acetyl, CH<sub>3</sub> CO-; benzoyl, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CO-.

Cycloalkyl" means the designated number of carbon atoms forming cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, etc. and isomeric forms thereof.

35 "Ph" means phenyl. "Carbonyl" is a -C(=O)- moiety. "Amino" means an NH<sub>2</sub>, "alkylamino" is where one of the hydrogen positions is replaced by an alkyl

and "dialkylamino" is where both hydrogens are replaced by an alkyl group.

"Pharmaceutically acceptable salts" are acid addition salts which can be prepared by any of the art recognized means. Typical, acid addition salts include hydrochloride, hydrobromide, hydroiodide, sulfate, phosphate, acetate, propionate, 5 lactate, malate, succinate, tartrate, cyclohexanesulfamates, methanesulfonates, ethanesulfonates, benzenesulfonates, toluenesulfonates, fumarates and other pharmaceutically acceptable counter ions for amines.

Azetindinyl-Phenylloxazolidinones:

The preferred absolute configuration at C-5 of the oxazolidinone ring of 10 compounds claimed in this invention is as represented in the structures of Formula i and ii. This absolute configuration is called (S) under the Cahn-Ingold-Prelog nomenclature system. It is this (S)-enantiomer which is pharmacologically active as 15 an antibacterial. The racemic mixture is useful in the same way and for the same purpose as the pure (S)-enantiomer; the difference is that twice as much racemic material must be used to produce the same antibacterial effect. It will be apparent 20 to one skilled in the art that when a chiral center (R not H) is present in the azetidine fragment of compounds of structural Formula i, ii and iii, then diastereomers are possible. These diastereomers, in racemic and enantiomerically enriched forms, are also within the scope of the compounds of Formula i, ii and iii of the invention.

The preferred method of preparation of oxazolidinones of Formula i, ii and iii in enantiomerically pure form is depicted in Charts I-VI. Charts I-VI contain generic structural representations for the preparation of the various compounds of the invention centered around the core cyclic structure wherein Q is i, ii or iii.

25 As shown in Chart I, 3-hydroxyazetidines of structure 1 can be deprotonated with a suitable base, for example sodium hydride, in a suitable solvent, for example tetrahydrofuran (THF), and then alkylated with alkyl halides, for example methyl iodide, to give the azetidine ethers 2 ( $R^{13} = \text{alkyl}$ ). If desired, aryl azetidine ethers 30 2 ( $R^{13} = \text{optionally substituted phenyl}$ ) can be prepared from azetidinol 1 by employing known procedures (Taylor, C. R., Jr.; Cale, A. D., Jr.; Stauffer, H. F., Jr. U.S. Patent 4 956 359, 1990). The benzhydryl group of 1 and 2 is removed by 35 hydrogenolysis in the presence of a mineral acid, for example hydrochloric acid, and in the presence of a suitable catalyst, for example palladium hydroxide on carbon, in a suitable solvent, such as methanol, to give the azetidines 3 ( $R^{13} = \text{H, alkyl, phenyl}$ ). Compounds of structure 3 are then reacted with a functionalized nitrobenzene 4 ( $X = \text{halogen or trifluoromethanesulfonate}$ ) in the presence of a

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suitable base/solvent combination, for example dibasic potassium phosphate in dimethyl sulfoxide or *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine in acetonitrile or THF, and at a suitable temperature, typically ambient temperature to 70°C, to afford the adduct 5. If it is desired that R<sup>1</sup> of a compound of structural Formula i or an advanced 5 intermediate be hydroxy, then a suitable protecting group, such as the *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl moiety, is appended by reacting 5 (R<sup>13</sup> = H) with *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride in the presence of imidazole in a suitable solvent such as *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF) at ambient temperature to give 5 (R<sup>13</sup> = *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl). It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that this 10 protecting group is merely representative and that alternative protecting groups, such as those described in Greene, T. W.; Wuts, P. G. M. "Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis", 2nd ed.; John Wiley & Sons: New York, 1991, can be employed. The nitro group of 5 is then reduced by catalytic hydrogenation in the presence of a suitable catalyst, such as 10% palladium/carbon or W-2 Raney nickel, and in an 15 appropriate solvent, for example THF/H<sub>2</sub>O. When this latter solvent system is utilized, the reaction mixture is first filtered to remove the catalyst and the filtrate containing the intermediate aniline is then treated with, for example, sodium bicarbonate and benzyl or methyl chloroformate to give the corresponding benzyl (R<sup>14</sup> = CH<sub>2</sub>Ph) or methyl (R<sup>14</sup> = CH<sub>3</sub>) urethane derivatives 6. The urethanes 6 are 20 then deprotonated with a suitable base such as *n*-butyllithium (*n*-BuLi), lithium diisopropylamide (LDA) or lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide, in a suitable solvent such as tetrahydrofuran (THF) and at a suitable temperature such as -78 to -40°C to give a lithiated intermediate which is then treated with commercially available (-)-(R)-glycidyl butyrate. Warming to ambient temperature then directly affords the 25 5-(hydroxymethyl)oxazolidinones 7 in enantiomerically enriched form.

As shown in Chart II, compound 7 is then converted to the corresponding mesylate 8 (R<sup>15</sup> = methyl) or aryl sulfonate 8 (R<sup>15</sup> = ArSO<sub>2</sub>, for example *p*-toluenesulfonyl) by the action of, for example, methanesulfonyl chloride/pyridine or methanesulfonyl chloride/triethylamine/dichloromethane or *p*-toluenesulfonyl 30 chloride/pyridine. The resultant sulfonate derivative 8 is then reacted with an azide source such as sodium or potassium azide in an aprotic solvent such as *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF) or 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidinone optionally in the presence of a catalyst such as 18-crown-6 at a temperature of 50-90 °C to afford the azide 9. The azide is then reduced by hydrogenation with palladium on carbon or a platinum 35 catalyst in an appropriate solvent such as ethyl acetate or methanol to give the corresponding amine 10. Alternatively, the azide 9 can be reduced by treatment

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with a trivalent phosphorus compound such as triphenylphosphine in a suitable solvent such as tetrahydrofuran followed by the addition of water. The intermediate amine 10 may also be prepared by treatment of the phthalimide derivative 11 (obtained by reacting sulfonate 8 with potassium phthalimide in a suitable solvent, for example, acetonitrile at reflux temperature) with methylamine in ethanol/H<sub>2</sub>O at reflux temperature. Alternatively, the amine 10 may be prepared directly from the mesylate 8 by ammonolysis with aqueous ammonium hydroxide in a solvent system consisting of H<sub>2</sub>O/isopropanol/THF in a sealed reaction vessel immersed in a 70-95 °C oil bath. The amine 10 is then acylated by reactions known to those skilled in the art to give oxazolidinones of structure 12. For example, the amine can be reacted with an acid chloride or anhydride in a basic solvent such as pyridine at a temperature ranging from -30 to 30 °C to provide the acylated compound 12 (R<sup>5</sup> = optionally substituted alkyl). It will be apparent to one skilled in the art that other carbonyl groups within the scope of this invention can be readily appended to the amine 10 by standard acylation techniques, for example those highlighted in March, J. "Advanced Organic Chemistry", 3rd ed.; John Wiley & Sons: New York, 1985; p 370-375, to give additional examples of 12. If it is desired that R<sup>13</sup> be H, then the appended *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl protecting group of selected examples of 12 is removed employing appropriate conditions, such as those noted in Greene, T. W.; Wuts, P. G. M. "Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis", 2nd ed.; John Wiley & Sons: New York, 1991, especially aqueous hydrofluoric acid in acetonitrile at ambient temperature, to give the corresponding alcohol. The compounds of structure 12 (R<sup>13</sup> = H, alkyl, optionally substituted phenyl) represent examples of azetidine-substituted oxazolidinone antibacterial agents of Formula I, which are the subject of this invention.

The azetidine-containing oxazolidinones 12, themselves examples of antibacterial agents of structural Formula i, can be further elaborated to additional compounds of Formula i and also examples of structural Formula ii as shown in Chart III. For example, 12 (R<sup>13</sup> = H) can be oxidized to the corresponding azetidinone 13 by reacting it with catalytic tetra-*n*-propylammonium perruthenate in the presence of *N*-methylmorpholine *N*-oxide and molecular sieves in acetonitrile/dichloromethane. Compound 13 is an example of an antibacterial agent of structural Formula ii. The ketone moiety of 13 is amenable to further modification. Reaction of 13 with Lawesson's reagent or alternative reagents, as described in March, J. "Advanced Organic Chemistry", 4th ed.: John Wiley & Sons: New York, 1992; p 893-894, provides the corresponding thioketone 14 (R<sup>6</sup> = S).

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Oximes **14** (for example,  $R^6 = NOH$  and  $NOCH_3$ ) are readily prepared by reacting **13** with, for example, hydroxylamine hydrochloride or methoxylamine hydrochloride in the presence of a suitable base, such as pyridine, and in an appropriate solvent, for instance methanol, at ambient temperature. Various hydrazone derivatives ( $R^6 = NNHR^7$ ) can be prepared by reacting **13** with hydrazines, as described in Greene, T. W.; Wuts, P. G. M. "Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis", 2nd ed.; John Wiley & Sons: New York, 1991, p 212-213 and March, J. "Advanced Organic Chemistry", 4th ed.; John Wiley & Sons: New York, 1992; p 904-905. Imines **14** ( $R^6 = N$ -alkyl or  $N$ -aryl) are synthesized by treating **13** with primary amines, as described in March, J. "Advanced Organic Chemistry", 4th ed.; John Wiley & Sons: New York, 1992; p 896-897. Olefinic derivatives (**14**:  $R^6 = CR^{11}R^{12}$ ) are prepared by reacting **13** with various olefinating reagents, such as phosphorus ylides and the like, which are known to one skilled in the art. Representative examples are described in March, J. "Advanced Organic Chemistry", 4th ed.; John Wiley & Sons: New York, 1992; p 956-963. For the case where  $R^6$  is  $CF_2$  this would involve treatment of ketone **13** with ( $NaO_2CCF_2Cl$ ) sodium difluorochloroacetate and triphenylphosphate, as described in Tetrahedron Letters 1964, p 1461. The resulting olefinic bond can be reduced by catalytic hydrogenation or other methods known to one skilled in the art to furnish examples of structural Formula i. Other compounds of structure **14**, for example cyclic and acyclic ketals and dithio ketals, can be prepared by reacting compound **13** with diols, dithiols, alcohols or thiols under conditions, for example, described in Greene, T. W.; Wuts, P. G. M. "Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis", 2nd ed.; John Wiley & Sons: New York, 1991, p 177-207. Compound **12** ( $R^{13} = H$ ) can also be converted to various derivatives **15** ( $R^{16} =$ optionally substituted acyl, alkoxy carbonyl, carboxamide, etc.) by treatment of **12** with various carbonyl derivatives, such as anhydrides, alkyl chloroformates, isocyanates and the like, in the presence of appropriate bases, and in suitable solvents known to one skilled in the art. Compounds **14** and **15** represent examples of oxazolidinone antibacterial agents of structural Formula i and ii.

Charts IV-VI outline procedures to prepare examples of structural Formula i wherein  $R^1$  is a group other than  $OR^7$ . As shown in Chart IV, the mesylate **16**, obtained by reacting azetidinol starting material **1** with methanesulfonyl chloride in the presence of triethylamine and dichloromethane, is reacted with a variety of nucleophiles. For example, treatment of **16** with ammonia, primary amines or secondary amines affords 3-aminoazetidines of structure **17**. Similarly, treatment of **16** with thiolates or cyanide provides the adducts **18** and **19**, respectively.

Compound 19 can be reduced with lithium aluminum hydride and the like to the corresponding 3-(aminomethyl)azetidine 20. Compound 19 can also be converted to the carboxylate derivative 21. Those skilled in the art can further transform the carboxylate moiety of 21 to the corresponding carboxamide or various acyl groups

5 which, after further elaboration, comprise additional examples of antibacterial agents of structural Formula i. Compounds 17 and 20 can be further N-alkylated by procedures known to one skilled in the art, including treatment of 17 and 20 with alkyl halides or tosylates in the presence of a suitable base. Alternatively, selected alkyl groups can be appended on the nitrogen of 17 and 20 by a reductive alkylation

10 procedure as described in March, J. "Advanced Organic Chemistry", 4th ed.; John Wiley & Sons: New York, 1992; p 898-900. In the cases of amino intermediates 17 and 20, when a free NH is present, it is necessary to protect these moieties to enable some subsequent reactions to proceed uneventfully. The amino group can be converted to the corresponding *t*-butyl carbamate (BOC), benzyl carbamate (Cbz),

15 trifluoroacetamide, or phthalimide derivatives and the like, as required, employing procedures described in Greene, T. W.; Wuts, P. G. M. "Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis", 2nd ed.; John Wiley & Sons: New York, 1991, p 309-403. The benzhydryl protecting group of 17-21 is then removed by hydrogenolysis in the presence of a suitable catalyst, for example palladium hydroxide on carbon, and in

20 the presence of a mineral acid, for example hydrochloric acid, to give the intermediate azetidines 22 (R<sup>1</sup> not OR<sup>7</sup>).

Chart V outlines the elaboration of intermediate azetidines 22 to examples of structural Formula i (R<sup>1</sup> not OR<sup>7</sup>). The chemistry is essentially identical to that described in Chart I. Compound 22 is initially converted to the nitrobenzene derivative 23. Reduction and conversion to carbamates of structure 24 is accomplished as described previously. As described in Chart I, intermediate 24 is elaborated to the optically active 5-(hydroxymethyl)oxazolidinone 25. Application of procedures outlined in Chart II then allows for conversion of 25 to compounds of structure 26. Removal of any appended protecting groups, for example BOC groups

25 on compounds where R<sup>1</sup> is amino, is achieved by methods known to one skilled in the art, for instance those described in Greene, T. W.; Wuts, P. G. M. "Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis", 2nd ed.; John Wiley & Sons: New York, 1991. The resultant free amino group can then be N-alkylated or N-acylated, if desired, to give additional compounds of structure 26, which are examples of oxazolidinone

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35 antibacterial agents of structural Formula i.

Chart VI depicts a variation of the chemistry outlined in Chart IV wherein

the hydroxyazetidinylphenyloxazolidinone intermediate 12 ( $R^{13} = OH$ ) is converted to the corresponding mesylate 27 by the action of methanesulfonyl chloride in the presence of a suitable base, such as triethylamine, and in an appropriate solvent, for example dichloromethane. The same nucleophilic displacements described in Chart 5 IV for the mesylate 16 can be carried out on the more functionalized mesylate 27 to give compounds 28-30. Employing procedures similar to those described in Chart IV, 30 can be converted to the compounds 31 and 32. Compounds 28-32 are 10 examples of oxazolidinone antibacterial agents of structural Formula i, which are the subject of this invention. It will be apparent to one skilled in the art that compounds 28-32 are merely representative examples and are themselves amenable to further chemical modification to give additional examples of structural Formula i.

Chart VII outlines procedures to prepare compounds of structural Formula iii. 2-Azetidinones of structure 33 are treated with an appropriate base, for example sodium hydride, in a suitable solvent, for instance THF, to give a deprotonated 15 intermediate which is then reacted with a functionalized nitrobenzene derivative 4 ( $X = \text{halogen}$ ) to furnish the adduct 34. It will be apparent to one skilled in the art that appropriate protecting groups, for example those described in Greene, T. W.; Wuts, P. G. M. "Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis", 2nd ed.; John Wiley & Sons: New York, 1991, are required for selected  $R^{18}$  and  $R^{19}$  substituents of 20 compound 33. Intermediate 34 can be converted via steps outlined in Charts I and II to compounds of structure 35, themselves examples of structural Formula iii, which are the subject of this invention. Alternatively, the azetidinyl-substituted intermediate 36, prepared via procedures outlined in Charts I and II, is oxidized to 25 the corresponding azetidinone 35 ( $R^{17} = O$ ) with, for example, catalytic ruthenium tetroxide in the presence of a suitable oxidant, such as sodium metaperiodate, and in a suitable solvent system, for example ethyl acetate/water. To prepare examples of compound 35 where  $R^{17}$  is S, selected azetidinone intermediates are reacted with Lawesson's reagent or the like.

Examples of azetindinyl-phenyloxazolidinones that can be prepared as part of 30 this invention are as follows:

1. (S)-N-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-(3-methoxy-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
2. (S)-N-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-(3-hydroxy-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

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3. (S)-N-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-[3-[N-(2-fluoroethyl)-N-methylamino]-1-azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
4. (S)-N-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-(3-oxo-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
5. (S)-N-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-[3-(methoxyimino)-1-azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
- 10 6. (S)-N-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-(3-methoxy-3-methyl-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
7. (S)-N-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-(3-hydroxy-3-methyl-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
- 15 8. (S)-N-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-(2-oxo-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
9. (S)-N-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-(3-hydroxy-2-oxo-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
- 20 10. (S)-N-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-(3-methoxy-2-oxo-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
11. N-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-(3-methyl-2-oxo-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-(5S)-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
- 25 12. (S)-N-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-(3,3-dimethyl-2-oxo-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
13. (S)-N-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-[3-(hydroxyimino)-1-azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
- 30 14. N-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-[(2R)-methyl-3-oxo-1-azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-(5S)-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
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15. N-[(3-[3-fluoro-4-[(2S)-methyl-3-oxo-1-azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-(5S)-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
16. N-[(3-[3-fluoro-4-[3-(methoxyimino)-(2R)-methyl-1-azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-(5S)-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
- 5 17. N-[(3-[3-fluoro-4-[3-(methoxyimino)-(2S)-methyl-1-azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-(5S)-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
- 10 18. (S)-N-[(3-[3-fluoro-4-[3-(difluoromethylene)-1-azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
19. (S)-N-[(3-[3-fluoro-4-[3-(methoxymethylene)-1-azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
- 15 20. (S)-N-[(3-[3-fluoro-4-[3-(hydroxyacetyl)-1-azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
21. (S)-N-[(3-[3-fluoro-4-[3-(methoxyamino)-1-azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
- 20 22. N-[(3-[3-fluoro-4-[2,4-dimethyl-3-oxo-1-azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-(5S)-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
- 25 23. N-[(3-[3-fluoro-4-[2,4-dimethyl-3-(methoxyimino)-1-azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-(5S)-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
24. N-[(3-[3-fluoro-4-[2,4-dimethyl-3-methoxy-1-azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-(5S)-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
- 30 25. (S)-N-[(3-[3-fluoro-4-[(3S)-methoxy-(2R)-methyl-1-azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
26. (S)-N-[(3-[3-fluoro-4-[(3R)-methoxy-(2S)-methyl-1-azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
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27. (S)-N-[(3-[3-fluoro-4-[(3S)-hydroxy-(2R)-methyl-1-azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl)methyl]acetamide

28. (S)-N-[(3-[3-fluoro-4-[(3R)-hydroxy-(2S)-methyl-1-azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl)methyl]acetamide

29. (S)-N-[(3-[3-fluoro-4-(3-fluoro-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl)methyl]acetamide

10 30. (S)-N-[(3-[3-fluoro-4-[3-fluoro-(2R)-methyl-1-azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl)methyl]acetamide

15 31. (S)-N-[(3-[3-fluoro-4-[3-fluoro-(2S)-methyl-1-azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl)methyl]acetamide

32. (S)-N-[(3-[3-fluoro-4-[3-[(hydroxyacetyl)amino]-1-azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl)methyl]acetamide

20 33. (S)-N-[(3-[3-fluoro-4-[3-[(methanesulfonyl)amino]-1-azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl)methyl]acetamide

34. (S)-N-[(3-[3-fluoro-4-[3-[(formyl)amino]-1-azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl)methyl]acetamide

25 35. (S)-N-[(3-[3-fluoro-4-[3-[(acetyl)amino]-1-azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl)methyl]acetamide

36. (S)-N-[(3-[3-fluoro-4-[3-[(methoxycarbonyl)amino]-1-azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl)methyl]acetamide

30 37. (S)-N-[(3-[3-fluoro-4-[3-[(benzyloxycarbonyl)amino]-1-azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl)methyl]acetamide

Pyrrolidinyl-Phenylloxazolidinones:

The present invention discloses novel substituted pyrrolidinyl phenylloxazolidinones according to the structural Formulas iv and v, above. The compounds are useful antimicrobial agents, effective against a number of human and veterinary pathogens

particularly aerobic Gram-positive bacteria, including multiply-antibiotic resistant staphylococci and streptococci, as well as anaerobic organisms such as *bacteroides* and *clostridia* species, and acid-fast organisms such as *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* and other *mycobacterium* species.

5        The most preferred compounds in this series would be prepared as the optically pure enantiomers having the (S)- configuration according to the Cahn-  
Ingold-Prelog notation at C5 of the oxazolidinone ring. Optically pure material  
could be prepared by one of a number of asymmetric syntheses or by resolution from  
a racemic modification by selective crystallization of a salt from, for example, the  
10      racemic modification of intermediate amine 11 (as described in Chart XII) with an appropriate optically active acid such as dibenzoyl tartarate or 10-camphorsulfonic acid, followed by treatment with base to afford the optically active amine. Although the (S)- enantiomer of this series of compounds is preferred since it is  
15      pharmacologically active as an antibacterial, the racemic modification is also useful in the same manner as the pure (S)- enantiomer; the difference being that twice as much racemic material is required to elicit the same antibacterial effect. In addition, it will be apparent to one skilled in the art that when a chiral center is present on the pyrrolidine moiety of compounds of structural Formula iv and v that  
20      diastereoisomers are possible. These diastereomers, either in the racemic or configurationally enriched forms, are also within the scope of the compounds of Formulas iv and v of this invention.

25        The preferred method of preparation for the pyrrolidinyl phenyloxazolidinones of Formula iv and v in enantiomerically pure form is depicted in Charts XI-XIX. Charts XI - XIX contain generic structural representations for the preparation of the various compounds of the invention centered around the core cyclic structure wherein Q is iv or v.

30        As shown in Chart XI, derivatives of structure 1, either commercially available or prepared by modification of literature methods, (US 4,753,953) can be protected with a diol, such as ethylene glycol, under conditions of acid catalysis with azeotropic removal of water to form the acetal 2. The N-benzyl group of 2 is then removed by hydrogenolysis in the presence of a noble metal catalyst, such as palladium on carbon or palladium hydroxide on carbon, in a suitable solvent, to give the pyrrolidine derivative 3. Pyrrolidine derivative 3 can be treated with a nitrobenzene derivative 4 (Y = halogen or trifluoromethanesulfonate) in a suitable base and solvent combination, for example dibasic potassium phosphate in DMSO, and a suitable temperature, typically ambient to 90°C, to afford adduct 5. The nitro

group of 5 is then reduced by catalytic hydrogenation in the presence of catalysts such as palladium on carbon or W-2 Raney nickel in a suitable solvent, such as ethyl acetate or tetrahydrofuran (THF) to give the aniline derivative 6. When THF is used as the solvent for this reduction, it is not necessary to remove the catalyst by

5 filtration or isolate aniline derivative 6 but merely to purge the reaction vessel with an inert gas such as nitrogen add saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution and treat the resulting cooled mixture with either benzyl or methyl chloroformate to give the corresponding benzyl ( $R^{14} = CH_2Ph$ ) or methyl carbamate ( $R^{14} = CH_3$ ) derivatives 7. Either of the carbamate derivatives 7 can be deprotonated with a

10 lithium base such as n-butyllithium, lithium diisopropyl amide (LDA), or lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide (LHMDS), in a suitable solvent, such as THF, N, N-dimethylformamide (DMF), or mixtures thereof, at a suitable temperature, such as -78°C to -40°C to give a lithiated intermediate which is directly treated with commercially available (R)-(-)-glycidyl butyrate. Warming this reaction mixture to

15 ambient temperature then affords the (hydroxymethyl)oxazolidinones 8 in highly enantiomerically enriched form.

As shown in Chart XII, compound 8 can be converted to the corresponding mesylate ( $R^{15} = CH_3$ ) or tosylate ( $R^{15} = p-CH_3C_6H_4$ ) by treatment with methanesulfonyl chloride in the presence of triethylamine or pyridine or p-toluenesulfonyl chloride in the presence of pyridine. The resulting sulfonate derivative 9 can then be treated with an alkalai metal azide such as sodium or potassium azide in an aprotic dipolar solvent such as DMF or N-methylpyrrolidinone (NMP) with an optional catalyst such as 18-crown-6 at a temperature in the range of 50-90°C to afford azide 10. The azide 10 can be reduced to the corresponding amine 11 by hydrogenation in the presence of a palladium, platinum or nickel catalyst, in an appropriate solvent such as ethyl acetate, THF, or methanol. Alternatively, azide 10 can be reduced by treatment with triphenylphosphine or other trivalent phosphorus compounds in a solvent such as THF, followed by addition of water. Amine 11 can also be prepared by treatment of sulfonate 9 with potassium phthalimidate in DMF at 40-90°C or in refluxing acetonitrile to afford the phthalimide 12 which is then deprotected by treatment, for example, with aqueous methylamine in refluxing ethanol affording 11. A more direct route to amine 11 is the treatment of sulfonate 9 with aqueous ammonia solution in an isopropyl alcohol-THF solvent system in a sealed tube heated at 75-105°C in an oil bath. Amine 11 is then acylated by reactions well-known to those skilled in the art to give (acylaminomethyl)oxazolidinones of structure 13. For example, amine 11 can be

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treated with an acid chloride or anhydride in the presence of a base such as pyridine or triethylamine at temperatures ranging from -40-40°C to provide the acyl derivative 13 ( $R^5$  = optionally substituted alkyl). It can be seen that under similar reaction conditions that other acyl derivatives, such as carbamates, can be readily prepared. Finally, treatment of 13 with aqueous acid, such as p-toluenesulfonic acid in aqueous acetone, will hydrolyze the acetal functionality to afford the corresponding carbonyl derivative 14 which represents an example of pyrrolidinone-substituted antibacterial agents of Formula iv. It can be seen by those skilled in the art that other embodiments of a compound of Formula iv can be prepared from 14.

Reaction of 14 with Lawesson's reagent or other alternative reagents such as hydrogen sulfide would afford the thioketone derivative 15 ( $R^6$  = S). Oximes ( $R^6$  = NHOH or  $NHOCH_3$ ) can be prepared from 14 by treatment with either hydroxylamine hydrochloride or methoxyamine hydrochloride in the presence of a base such as pyridine or sodium acetate in a solvent such as methanol. Hydrazone derivatives ( $R^6$  =  $NNHR^{12}$ ) can be prepared by treatment of 14 with hydrazine derivatives. Similarly, imines ( $R^6$  =  $NR^{12}$ ) can be prepared by treatment of 14 with a primary amine. Olefinic derivatives ( $R^6$  =  $CR^{11}R^{12}$ ) can be prepared by treatment of 14 with various olefination reagents such as phosphorus ylides (Wittig reagents), phosphonate esters (Horner-Emmons Reagents) or other reagents known to those skilled in the art. It can easily be seen that reduction of the olefinic bond by catalytic hydrogenation or other methods will provide examples of structural Formula v.

Charts XIII-XV outline the preparation of examples of structural Formula v wherein  $R^1$  =  $OR^7$ ,  $R^3$  = H and  $n$  = 0. As shown in Chart XIII, intermediate 1, described in Chart XI is reduced to the alcohol 16 by treatment with any of a number of standard hydride reducing agents such as sodium borohydride, lithium aluminum hydride or the like. The benzyl protecting group of 16 can then be subsequently removed by hydrogenolysis using a catalyst such as palladium hydroxide on carbon, or 10% palladium on carbon to give amino alcohol 17. It must be noted here that some examples of 17 may be commercially available, but the possibility of the *de novo* synthesis of 17 must be considered, in order to include more complex examples of high antibacterial interest. Amino alcohol 17 can then be allowed to react with a nitrobenzene derivative such as 4 (Y = halogen or trifluoromethanesulfonate), in the presence of an appropriate base such as dibasic potassium phosphate in a suitable solvent, such as dimethylsulfoxide at temperatures in the range of 40-90°C to afford 18. It will be apparent to those

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skilled in the art that subsequent transformations of **18** will require that the hydroxyl group be protected. This can be accomplished, for example, by preparation of the *tert*-butyldimethyl silyl ether **19** ( $R = Si(CH_3)_2t\text{-}Bu$ ) by treatment of **18** with *tert*-butyldimethylchlorosilane in the presence of a base such as imidazole or

5 diisopropylethyl amine, optionally in the presence of 4-dimethylaminopyridine as a catalyst, in a suitable solvent such as DMF, THF, or dichloromethane. The nitro group of **19** can be reduced by hydrogenation in the presence of a catalyst such as 10% palladium on carbon or W-2 Raney nickel in a solvent such as THF or ethyl acetate to give aniline derivative **20**. Aniline derivative **20** is not routinely isolated

10 but is directly treated with saturated sodium bicarbonate and an alkyl chloroformate derivative such as benzyl chloroformate or methyl chloroformate to give the corresponding benzyl ( $R^{14} = CH_2Ph$ ) or methyl ( $R^{14} = CH_3$ ) carbamate derivative **21**. Carbamate derivative **21** can then be deprotonated by a base such as n-butyllithium or lithium diisopropylamide (LDA) or lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide

15 (LHMDS) in a solvent such as THF or DMF or mixtures thereof, at a temperature in the range -78°C to -40°C to give a lithiated derivative which is treated with the commercially available ( $R$ )-(--)glycidyl butyrate. The resulting mixture is then warmed to ambient temperature to directly afford the (hydroxymethyl)oxazolidinones **22**.

20 It can be seen by those skilled in the art that intermediate oxazolidinone **22** can be used in a number of ways to prepare various embodiments of compounds of structural Formula iv. As Shown in Chart XIV, oxazolidinone **22** can be converted to (acylaminomethyl)oxazolidinone **23** by a sequence of reactions identical with that used to convert compound **8** to compound **13** in Chart XII. The protecting group of

25 **23** ( $R = Si(CH_3)_2t\text{-}Bu$ ) can be removed by standard methods known to those skilled in the art, such as treatment with tetrabutylammonium fluoride in THF to afford alcohol **24**, which is an example of a compound of structural Formula v. Compound **24** can be converted to a number of derivatives **23** ( $R = R^7 =$  optionally substituted acyl, alkoxy carbonyl, carboxamide, etc.) by treatment with various carbonyl

30 derivatives, such as anhydrides, acyl chlorides, alkyl and aryl chloroformates, isocyanates, and the like, using appropriate bases and catalysts in suitable solvents known to one skilled in the art. Thus, compounds **23** and **24** represent examples of oxazolidinone antibacterial agents of structural Formula v.

Another use of intermediate oxazolidinone **22** is illustrated in Chart XV. As

35 shown, **22** ( $R = Si(CH_3)_2t\text{-}Bu$ ) can be protected, for example, by treatment with *tert*-butyldiphenylchlorosilane and an appropriate base such as diisopropylethylamine

and a catalyst such as 4-dimethylaminopyridine in a suitable solvent, such as dichloromethane, THF, or the like to give *bis*-protected derivative 25 (R = Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-Bu, R<sup>1</sup> = SiPh<sub>2</sub>-t-Bu). *Bis*-protected derivative 25 is selectively deprotected to remove the *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl ether protecting group by treatment with acetic acid using a co-solvent of water and THF in a variety of proportions at temperatures in the range 50-100°C to afford alcohol 26. Alcohol 26 can be alkylated on the unprotected hydroxyl group by treatment with a suitable base, such as sodium hydride, in a dipolar aprotic solvent such as THF, DMF or the like, in the presence of an alkyl halide such as methyl iodide or its substituted derivatives to give silyl ether 25 (R = R<sup>7</sup> = straight or branched chain alkyl, R<sup>1</sup> = SiPh<sub>2</sub>-t-Bu). The silicon protecting group of 25 can then be removed by treatment with tetrabutylammonium fluoride in a solvent such as THF to afford alcohol 27 (R = straight or branched chain alkyl). Alcohol 27 can then be converted to (acylaminomethyl)oxazolidinone derivative 28 (R<sup>7</sup> = straight or branched chain alkyl) by a sequence of reactions identical with that used to convert 8 to 13 in Chart XII. (Acylaminomethyl)oxazolidinone derivative 27 is an example of an oxazolidinone antibacterial agent of structural Formula v.

Charts XVI-XIX outline the preparation of examples of structural Formula v where R<sup>1</sup> is the substituted amino moiety. Chart XVI outlines the case where R<sup>1</sup> = NHR and n = 0. As shown, aminopyrrolidine 29, either available commercially or prepared by methods well known in the art optionally protected as either the trifluoroacetamide (R = COCF<sub>3</sub>) or the *tert*-butoxycarbonyl derivative (R = CO<sub>2</sub>-t-Bu) is hydrogenolyzed in the presence of a suitable catalyst such as palladium hydroxide on carbon in an appropriate solvent such as methanol to remove the benzyl protecting group affording pyrrolidine 30. Pyrrolidine 30 can be reacted with a nitroaromatic compound such as 4 in the presence of a suitable base, such as dibasic potassium phosphate, in an appropriate solvent, such as dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) or DMF to afford displacement product 31. The nitro group of 31 is reduced by hydrogenation in the presence of 10% palladium on carbon or W-2 Raney nickel in a suitable solvent such as THF or ethyl acetate to afford aniline derivative 32. The aniline derivative 32 is not routinely isolated, but generally is treated directly with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution and an alkyl chloroformate derivative such as benzyl chloroformate or methyl chloroformate to afford the corresponding benzyl (R<sup>14</sup> = CH<sub>2</sub>Ph) or methyl (R<sup>14</sup> = CH<sub>3</sub>) carbamate derivative 33. In the case where 33 is protected by an acyl derivative, it is necessary to remove the protecting group by appropriate means well-known to those skilled in the art to afford primary amine

derivative 34. Amine 34 is then treated with a dialkyl urea derivative, such as N, N-dimethyl urea or N, N-dibenzyl urea in the presence of formaldehyde under conditions pioneered by Knapp, *et al.*<sup>2</sup> to afford either the dimethyl (R = CH<sub>3</sub>) or dibenzyl (R = CH<sub>2</sub>Ph) triazone derivative 35. Triazone 35 can then be deprotonated 5 with a base such as n-butyllithium, lithium diisopropylamide (LDA) or lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide in a solvent such as DMF or mixtures of DMF and THF at temperatures in the range of -78° to -40°C to give a lithiated derivative which is directly treated with commercially available (R)-(-)-glycidyl butyrate. The resulting mixture is then warmed to ambient temperature to afford 10 (hydroxymethyl)oxazolidinone 36.

Chart XVII describes the conversion of triazone derivative 36 to compounds of Formula v. As shown, triazone derivative 36 can be converted to (acylaminomethyl)oxazolidinone 37 by means identical to those used to convert compound 8 to 13 in Chart XII. The triazone group of 37 can be removed by 15 hydrolysis with aqueous hydrochloric acid or treatment with saturated ammonium chloride solution to afford amine 38. Compound 38 can be converted to a number of carbonyl derivatives 39 (R = optionally substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, etc.) by treatment with various carbonyl derivatives, such as acyl chlorides, anhydrides, alkyl and aryl chloroformates, isocyanates and the like, using appropriate bases and 20 catalysts in suitable solvents known to one skilled in the art. In addition, compound 38 can be converted into a number of alkyl derivatives 40 (R = optionally substituted straight or branched chain alkyl) by treatment with an appropriate aldehyde or ketone in the presence of hydrogen gas and a catalyst such as 10% palladium on carbon or a reagent such as sodium cyanoborohydride in a protic solvent such as 25 methanol. Alternatively, 38 could be treated with an optionally substituted alkyl halide in the presence of a base such as sodium carbonate in a suitable solvent such as THF or acetonitrile, optionally in the presence of water. Thus prepared, compounds 39 and 40 constitute examples of compounds of Formula v where n = 0.

Chart XVIII describes the preparation of examples of compounds of structural 30 Formula v where R<sup>3</sup> = H, R<sup>1</sup> = NR<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup> and n = 1. As shown, pyrrolidine derivative 41, available by known methods,<sup>1a, 3</sup> optionally protected as either the trifluoroacetamide (R = COCF<sub>3</sub>) or the *tert*-butoxycarbonyl derivative (R = CO<sub>2</sub>*t*-Bu) is debenzylated by hydrogenolysis in the presence of a catalyst such as palladium hydroxide on carbon, or 10% palladium on carbon in a suitable solvent such as 35 methanol to afford 42. Pyrrolidine 42 can be allowed to react with a nitrobenzene derivative such as 4 in the presence of a base, such as dibasic potassium phosphate.

in a solvent such as dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) to afford the aromatic displacement product 43. Aryl pyrrolidine 43 can be reduced by hydrogenation in the presence of a catalyst, such as 10% palladium on carbon or W-2 Raney nickel in a solvent such as THF or ethyl acetate to afford aniline derivative 44. Aniline derivative 44 is not 5 routinely isolated, but is generally treated directly with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution and an alkyl chloroformate such as benzyl or methyl chloroformate to afford the corresponding benzyl ( $R^{14} = CH_2Ph$ ) or methyl ( $R^{14} = CH_3$ ) carbamate derivative 45. In the case where 45 is protected as an acyl derivative, it is necessary to remove the protecting group by appropriate means well-known to those skilled in the art to afford primary amine derivative 46. Amine 46 10 is then treated with a dialkyl urea derivative, such as N, N'-dimethyl urea or N, N'-dibenzyl urea in the presence of formaldehyde under conditions pioneered by Knapp, *et al.*<sup>2</sup> to afford either the dimethyl ( $R = CH_3$ ) or the dibenzyl ( $R = CH_2Ph$ ) triazone derivative 47. Triazone 47 can be deprotonated with a base such as n-butyllithium, 15 lithium diisopropylamide (LDA), or Lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide in a solvent such as DMF or mixtures of DMF and THF at temperatures in the range of -78° to -40° to give a lithiated derivative which is directly treated with commercially available (R)-(-)-glycidyl butyrate. The resulting mixture is then warmed to ambient temperature to afford the (hydroxymethyl)oxazolidinone 48.

20 Chart XIX describes the conversion of triazone derivative 48 to compounds of structural Formula v. As shown, triazone derivative 48 can be converted to (acylaminomethyl)oxazolidinone 49 by means identical with those used to convert compound 8 to 13 in Chart XII. The triazone group of 49 can be removed by hydrolysis with aqueous hydrochloric acid solution or treatment with hot saturated 25 ammonium chloride solution to afford amine 50. Amine 50 can then be converted into a number of carbonyl derivatives 51 ( $R =$  optionally substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, etc.) by treatment with various carbonyl derivatives, such as acyl chlorides, anhydrides, alkyl and aryl chloroformates, isocyanates, and the like, using appropriate bases and catalysts, in suitable solvents known to one skilled in the art. 30 In addition, amine 50 can be converted into a number of alkyl derivatives 52 ( $R =$  optionally substituted straight or branched chain alkyl) by treatment of 50 with an appropriate aldehyde or ketone in the presence of hydrogen gas and a catalyst such as 10% palladium on carbon or a reagent such as sodium cyanoborohydride in a protic solvent such as methanol. Alternatively, 50 could be treated with an 35 optionally substituted alkyl halide in the presence of a base such as sodium carbonate in a suitable solvent such as THF or acetonitrile, optionally in the

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presence of water to afford 52. Thus prepared, compounds 51 and 52 constitute examples of oxazolidinone antibacterial agents of structural Formula v, where n = 1.

It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that the described synthetic procedures are merely representative in nature and that alternative synthetic 5 processes are known, for example some of those described in the cited references.

Examples of pyrrolidinyl-phenyloxazolidinones that can be prepared as part of this invention are as follows:

1. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(3-oxopyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
- 10 2. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(3-oxo-4-methylpyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
- 15 3. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(2,4-dimethyl-3-oxopyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
4. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(2,2-dimethyl-3-oxopyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
- 20 5. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(4,4-dimethyl-3-oxopyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
6. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(2,4-dimethyl-3-oxopyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
- 25 7. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(3-isonitrosopyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
8. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(O-methyl-3-isonitrosopyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
- 30 9. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(3-hydroxypyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide
- 35 10. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(cis-3-hydroxy-4-methylpyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-

## oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

11. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(*trans*-3-hydroxy-4-methylpyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

5 12. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(3-methoxypyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

10 13. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(*cis*-3,4-dihydroxypyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

14. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(*trans*-3,4-dihydroxypyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

15 15. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(3-hydroxyacetylamo)pyrrolidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

16. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[3-(phenylmethoxyacetylamo)pyrrolidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

20 17. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(3-methoxyacetylamo)pyrrolidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

18. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(3-methoxycarbonylamo)pyrrolidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

25 19. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(3-ethoxycarbonylamo)pyrrolidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

30 20. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(*cis*-3-(phenylmethoxyacetylamo)-4-methylpyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

21. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(*cis*-3-(hydroxyacetylamo)-4-methylpyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

35 22. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(*cis*-3-(methoxyacetylamo)-4-methylpyrrolidinyl)-

## phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

23. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(*cis*-3-(methoxycarbonylamino)-4-methylpyrrolidinyl)-phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

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24. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(*cis*-3-(ethoxycarbonylamino)-4-methylpyrrolidinyl)-phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

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25. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(*trans*-3-(phenylmethoxyacetyl)amino)-4-methylpyrrolidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

26. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(*trans*-3-(hydroxyacetyl)amino)-4-methylpyrrolidinyl)-phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

15 27. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(*trans*-3-(methoxyacetyl)amino)-4-methylpyrrolidinyl)-phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

28. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(*trans*-3-(methoxycarbonylamino)-4-methylpyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

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29. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(*trans*-3-(ethoxycarbonylamino)-4-methylpyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

30. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(3-(phenylmethoxyacetyl)amino)methylpyrrolidinyl)-phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

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31. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(3-(hydroxyacetyl)amino)methylpyrrolidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

30 32. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(3-(methoxyacetyl)amino)methylpyrrolidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

33. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(3-(methoxycarbonylamino)methylpyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

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34. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(3-(ethoxycarbonylamino)methylpyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-

## oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

35. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(*cis*-3-(phenylmethoxyacetyl amino)methyl-4-methylpyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

5 36. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(*cis*-3-(hydroxyacetyl amino)methyl-4-methylpyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

10 37. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(*cis*-3-(methoxyacetyl amino)methyl-4-methylpyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

38. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(*cis*-3-(methoxycarbonyl amino)methyl-4-methylpyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

15 39. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(*cis*-3-(ethoxycarbonyl amino)methyl-4-methylpyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

40. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(*trans*-3-(phenylmethoxyacetyl amino)methyl-4-methylpyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

20 41. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(*trans*-3-(hydroxyacetyl amino)methyl-4-methylpyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

42. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(*trans*-3-(methoxyacetyl amino)methyl-4-methylpyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

25 43. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(*trans*-3-(methoxycarbonyl amino)methyl-4-methylpyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

30 44. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(*trans*-3-(ethoxycarbonyl amino)methyl-4-methylpyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

45. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(*trans*-3-(phenylmethoxy)acetyl amino-4-hydroxypyrrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

35 46. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(*trans*-3-(methoxyacetyl amino)-4-

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hydroxypyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

47. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(*trans*-3-(methoxycarbonylamino)-4-hydroxypyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

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48. (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-(*trans*-3-(ethoxycarbonylamino)-4-hydroxypyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

#### Antibacterial Activity

The oxazolidinone antibacterial agents of this invention have useful activity  
10 against a variety of organisms. The *in vitro* activity of compounds of this invention  
can be assessed by standard testing procedures such as the determination of  
minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) by agar dilution as described in "Methods  
for Dilution Antimicrobial Susceptibility Tests for Bacteria That Grow Aerobically"  
(MFT) published Jan. 1983 by the National Committee for Clinical Laboratory  
15 Standards, 771 East Lancaster Avenue, Villanova, Pennsylvania 19084, USA. The  
activity of selected compounds of this invention against *Staphylococcus aureus* and  
*Streptococcus pneumoniae* are shown in Table 1.

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Table 1

Minimum Inhibitory Concentration ( $\mu$ g/mL)

| 5  | Example No. | <i>S. aureus</i> UC® 9213 | <i>S. pneumoniae</i> UC® 9912 |
|----|-------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
|    | 1           | 4                         | 2                             |
|    | 2           | 4                         | 2                             |
|    | 3           | 16                        | 8                             |
|    | 4           | 1                         | 0.5                           |
| 10 | 5           | 4                         | 1                             |
|    | 6           | 8                         | 4                             |
|    | 7           | 8                         | 2                             |
|    | 8           | 32                        | 8                             |
|    | 9           | 8                         | 2                             |
| 15 | 10          | 2                         | 1                             |
|    | 11          | 4                         | 2                             |
|    | 12          | 8                         | 2                             |
|    | 13          | 16                        | 2                             |
|    | 14          | 4                         | 1                             |
| 20 | 15          | 16                        | 2                             |
|    | 16          | 8                         | 1                             |
|    | vancomycin  | 1                         | 0.5                           |

25 Azetindinyl-Phenylloxazolidinones

EXAMPLE 1: (S)-N-[(3-[3-fluoro-4-(3-methoxy-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl)methyl]acetamide

Step 1: 1-(diphenylmethyl)-3-methoxyazetidine

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A slurry of sodium hydride (0.440 g of a 60% dispersion in oil, 11.0 mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (125 mL) under nitrogen was cooled with an ice bath to 0 °C and treated with solid 1-(diphenylmethyl)-3-azetidinol (2.393 g, 10.0 mmol) over 5 min. After stirring 30 min at 0 °C, iodomethane (1.490 g, 0.654 mL, 10.5 mmol) was 5 added. When the addition was completed, the cooling bath was removed and the reaction mixture allowed to warm to ambient temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was poured into pH 7 phosphate buffer and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate, 10 filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was chromatographed over silica gel (300 mL) packed with dichloromethane, eluting with a gradient of 1-10% ethyl acetate/dichloromethane. Concentration of appropriate fractions afforded 2.081 g (82%) of the title compound as a pale yellow syrup with MS(EI) 253 (M<sup>+</sup>).

**Step 2: 3-fluoro-4-(3-methoxy-1-azetidinyl)nitrobenzene**

A solution of 1-(diphenylmethyl)-3-methoxyazetidine (2.000 g, 7.91 mmol) in 15 25 % tetrahydrofuran/ethanol (100 mL) was treated with 5 N HCl (5.0 mL) and palladium hydroxide on carbon (Pearlman's catalyst, 0.500 g). The mixture was shaken on a Parr apparatus under 45 psi of H<sub>2</sub>. After 16 h some starting material still remained by TLC analysis (silica gel, 6% acetonitrile/chloroform). An additional 20 0.500 g of Pearlman's catalyst was added and the hydrogenolysis continued a further 16 h, at which time the reaction appeared to be complete. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite® and the filtrate concentrated under reduced pressure to an amber oil. This material was dissolved in dimethyl sulfoxide (30 mL) and treated with dipotassium hydrogen phosphate (6.88 g, 39.6 mmol) and 3,4- 25 disfluoronitrobenzene (1.05 mL, 9.49 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 16 h, at which time TLC analysis (silica gel, 6% acetonitrile/chloroform) revealed the reaction to be complete. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (150 mL) and extracted with chloroform (3 x 40 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water (3 x 25 mL) and brine, dried over 30 sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a crude product. Purification was accomplished by chromatography over silica gel (100 g), eluting with a gradient of 0-1% acetonitrile/chloroform. Concentration of appropriate fractions then afforded 1.50 g (84%) of the title compound as a bright yellow solid with mp 57.5-58 °C and MS(EI) 226 (M<sup>+</sup>).

**35 Step 3: N-(carbobenzyloxy)-3-fluoro-4-(3-methoxy-1-azetidinyl)aniline**

A solution of 3-fluoro-4-(3-methoxy-1-azetidinyl)nitrobenzene (1.50 g, 6.64

mmol) in 1:1 methanol/tetrahydrofuran (35 mL) was treated with 10% palladium on carbon and then ammonium formate (1.26 g, 19.9 mmol) at room temperature. After 20 min the color of the reaction mixture changed from yellow to colorless. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite® and the filtrate concentrated under reduced pressure. The recovered oil was immediately dissolved in 3:1 acetone/water (25 mL) and treated with potassium carbonate (2.75 g, 19.9 mmol) and benzyl chloroformate (1.31 mL, 8.30 mmol). After 30 min TLC analysis (6% acetonitrile/chloroform) revealed the reaction to be complete. The reaction mixture was extracted with chloroform (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to a purple oil. This material was chromatographed over silica gel (100 g), eluting with a gradient of 1-3% acetonitrile/chloroform, to give, after concentration of appropriate fractions, 1.24 g (56%) of the title compound as an off-white solid with mp 95-96.5 °C and MS(EI) 330 (M<sup>+</sup>).

15 **Step 4:** (R)-[3-[3-fluoro-4-(3-methoxy-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methanol

A solution of N-(carbobenzyloxy)-3-fluoro-4-(3-methoxy-1-azetidinyl)aniline (0.865 g, 2.62 mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (10 mL) was cooled to -78 °C under a nitrogen atmosphere and treated with *n*-butyllithium (1.65 mL of a 1.6 M solution in hexanes, 2.65 mmol). After stirring at -78 °C for 15 min, the reaction mixture was treated with (R)-glycidyl butyrate (0.374 mL, 2.65 mmol). The cooling bath was then removed and the reaction mixture allowed to warm to ambient temperature. After 1 h the reaction was judged complete by TLC analysis. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (0.5 mL) and concentrated under reduced pressure to a yellow solid. Chromatography over silica gel (10 g), eluting with a gradient of 1-2% methanol/chloroform afforded, after concentration of appropriate fractions, 0.530 g (68%) of the title compound as an off-white solid with mp 131-132 °C and MS(EI) 296 (M<sup>+</sup>).

30 **Step 5:** (R)-[3-[3-fluoro-4-(3-methoxy-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methylmethanesulfonate

A solution of (R)-[3-[3-fluoro-4-(3-methoxy-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methanol (0.492 g, 1.66 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (25 mL) under a nitrogen atmosphere was cooled with an ice bath to 0 °C and treated with triethylamine (0.254 mL, 1.83 mmol) and then methanesulfonyl chloride (0.141 mL, 1.83 mmol). After 1 h at 0 °C, TLC analysis (10% methanol/chloroform) revealed the reaction to be complete. The reaction mixture was washed with water and brine,

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dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to a white solid. Chromatography over silica gel (100 g), eluting with a gradient of 1-3% methanol/chloroform afforded, after concentration of appropriate fractions, 0.601 g (97%) of the title compound as a white solid with mp 122.5-123.5 °C and MS(EI) 374 5 ( $M^+$ ).

**Step 6:** (R)-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-(3-methoxy-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinylmethyl]methyllazide

(*R*)-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-(3-methoxy-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinylmethyl]methanesulfonate (0.508 g, 1.36 mmol) was combined with 10 sodium azide (0.106 g, 1.63 mmol) in N,N-dimethylformamide (4 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 65 °C under a nitrogen atmosphere. After 2 hours, a small amount of the starting mesylate still remained by TLC analysis (5% methanol/chloroform). An additional 0.044 g of sodium azide was added and the reaction heated for a further 1.5 h, at which time TLC revealed the reaction to be 15 complete. The reaction mixture was filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was chromatographed over silica gel (25 g), eluting with a gradient of 1-3% methanol/chloroform. Appropriate fractions were combined and concentrated *in vacuo* to furnish 0.426 g (98%) of the title compound as an off-white solid. An analytical sample was prepared by recrystallization of this material from 3:1 ethyl 20 acetate/hexane to give a white solid with mp 111-112.5 °C and MS(EI) 321 ( $M^+$ ).

**Step 7:** (S)-N-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-(3-methoxy-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinylmethyl]acetamide

A solution of (*R*)-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-(3-methoxy-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinylmethyl]azide (0.393 g, 1.22 mmol) in 5:1 methanol/dichloromethane (20 mL) was treated with 10% palladium on carbon (0.030 g) under a nitrogen stream. The atmosphere was then replaced with hydrogen (balloon). After stirring 3 hours under hydrogen, the reduction was judged to be complete by TLC analysis (5% methanol/chloroform). The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite® and 25 concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude 5-(aminomethyl)oxazolidinone was dissolved in dichloromethane (15 mL) and treated with pyridine (0.118 mL, 1.46 mmol) and acetic anhydride (0.138 mL, 1.46 mmol) under a nitrogen atmosphere at ambient temperature. After 2 h, the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC. The reaction mixture was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, 30 filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Chromatography over silica gel (50 g), eluting with a gradient of 1-3% methanol/chloroform, afforded, after concentration of appropriate fractions, 0.281 g (68%) of the title antibacterial agent 35

as a white solid. An analytical sample, prepared by recrystallization from 2:1 ethyl acetate/hexane, was a white solid with mp 160-161.5 °C and MS(EI) 337 (M<sup>+</sup>).

**EXAMPLE 2: (S)-N-[3-[3-fluoro-4-(3-hydroxy-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-**

**5    oxazolidinylmethylacetamide**

**Step 1:    3-fluoro-4-(3-hydroxy-1-azetidinyl)nitrobenzene**

1-(Diphenylmethyl)-3-azetidinol hydrochloride (2.000 g, 7.29 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (75 mL) and treated with 6N HCl (1.20 mL, 7.29 mmol). Palladium hydroxide on carbon (0.200 g) was then added under a nitrogen stream. 10 The reaction mixture was then shaken on a Parr apparatus under 40 psi of H<sub>2</sub>. After 16 h, TLC analysis (5% methanol/chloroform) revealed the starting material was consumed. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite® and concentrated under reduced pressure to an amber oil. This material was dissolved in dimethylsulfoxide (29 mL) and the atmosphere replaced with nitrogen. Dipotassium 15 hydrogen phosphate (5.07 g, 29.2 mmol) was added followed by 3,4-difluoronitrobenzene (0.966 mL, 8.75 mmol). The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature under nitrogen. After 3 h, TLC analysis (5% methanol/chloroform) revealed the reaction to be complete. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (250 mL) and extracted with chloroform (4 x 50 mL). The combined organic extracts 20 were washed with water (2 x 50 mL) and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a yellow solid. Chromatography over silica gel (100 g), eluting with a gradient of 3-7% acetonitrile/chloroform afforded, after concentration of appropriate fractions, 1.00 g (65%) of the title compound as an orange solid with mp 130.5-132 °C and MS(EI) 212 (M<sup>+</sup>).

**25    Step 2:    4-[3-[*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl]oxyl-1-azetidinyl]-3-fluoronitrobenzene**

A solution of 3-fluoro-4-(3-hydroxy-1-azetidinyl)nitrobenzene (5.51 g, 26.0 mmol) in N,N-dimethylformamide (104 mL) under nitrogen was cooled to 0 °C with an ice bath and treated with imidazole (1.86 g, 27.3 mmol) and then *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (4.12 g, 27.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 30 0 °C for 30 min and then at room temperature overnight. TLC analysis (5% methanol/chloroform) at this time revealed a small amount of starting material still remained. An additional amount of *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (0.392 g) was added. After stirring overnight, TLC analysis indicated the reaction was complete. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (500 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (4 x 70 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced

pressure to a yellow solid. Chromatography over silica gel (200 g), eluting with 5% and 10% ethyl acetate/hexane, afforded, after concentration of appropriate fractions, 6.30 g (74%) of the title compound as a yellow solid with mp 98.5-99.5 °C and MS(EI) 326 (M<sup>+</sup>).

5 **Step 3:** N-(carbobenzyloxy)-4-[3-[(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy]-1-azetidinyl]-3-fluoroaniline

4-[3-[(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy]-1-azetidinyl]-3-fluoronitrobenzene (1.00 g, 3.07 mmol) was combined with 10% palladium on carbon (0.100 g) in 3:1 tetrahydrofuran/water (25 mL) under a nitrogen atmosphere. The atmosphere was 10 replaced with hydrogen (balloon) by repeated evacuation and filling. After 2 h the initial yellow color of the reaction solution disappeared and TLC analysis (15% ethyl acetate/hexane) revealed the reduction to be complete. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite® and the filtrate immediately placed under a nitrogen atmosphere and treated with sodium bicarbonate (1.41 g, 16.8 mmol) and benzyl 15 chloroformate (0.528 mL, 3.69 mmol). After 30 min at ambient temperature, TLC analysis (15% ethyl acetate/hexane) indicated the reaction was complete. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to an off-white solid. Chromatography over silica gel (125 g), eluting with a gradient of 5-30% ethyl acetate/hexane, afforded, after concentration of appropriate fractions, 0.565 g (43%) 20 of the title compound as a white solid with mp 91-93 °C and MS(EI) 430 (M<sup>+</sup>).

**Step 4:** (R)-[3-[4-[3-[(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy]-1-azetidinyl]-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methanol

A solution of N-(carbobenzyloxy)-4-[3-[(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy]-1-azetidinyl]-3-fluoroaniline (6.30 g, 14.7 mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (100 mL) under a nitrogen 25 atmosphere was cooled to -78 °C and treated with *n*-butyllithium (9.16 mL of a 1.6 M solution in hexanes, 14.7 mmol). When the addition was complete, the reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 15 min and then treated with (R)-glycidyl butyrate (2.21 mL, 14.7 mmol). After completion of the addition, the cooling bath was removed and the reaction mixture allowed to stir at ambient temperature for 1.5 h. 30 After this time, saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (20 mL) was added. After 3 min, saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (10 mL) was added to the reaction mixture and the organic solvent removed by rotary evaporation under reduced pressure. Dichloromethane (100 mL) was added and the mixture washed with water and brine. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and 35 concentrated *in vacuo*. Chromatography over silica gel (200 g), eluting with a gradient of 1-3% methanol/chloroform, afforded, after concentration of appropriate

fractions, 4.39 g (75%) of the title compound as an off-white solid with mp 183-186 °C and MS(EI) 396 (M<sup>+</sup>).

**Step 5:** (R)-[3-[4-[3-[(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]-1-azetidinyl]-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinylmethyloximesulfonate

Crude (R)-[3-[4-[3-[(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]-1-azetidinyl]-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methanol (5.38 g, 13.6 mmol) was dissolved in dry dichloromethane (70 mL), cooled to 0 °C with an ice bath, and treated with triethylamine (2.08 mL, 14.9 mmol) and then methanesulfonyl chloride (1.15 mL, 14.9 mmol). After 30 min at 0 °C, the reaction was complete by TLC analysis (5% methanol/chloroform). The reaction mixture was washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate, water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to an off-white solid. An analytical sample, prepared by triturating the crude product with isopropanol and diethyl ether, followed by filtration and drying *in vacuo*, afforded an off-white solid with mp 142-145 °C and MS(EI) 474 (M<sup>+</sup>).

**Step 6:** (R)-[3-[4-[3-[(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]-1-azetidinyl]-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinylmethyloxime

Crude (R)-[3-[4-[3-[(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]-1-azetidinyl]-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methanesulfonate (9.42 mmol) was dissolved in dry N,N-dimethylformamide (50 mL) and treated with sodium azide (4.42 g, 68.0 mmol) at ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was warmed to 65 °C under nitrogen for 4 h. TLC analysis (5% methanol/chloroform) at this time revealed the reaction to be complete. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (100 mL) and washed with water (3 x 25 mL) and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to an amber solid. Chromatography over silica gel (125 g), eluting with a gradient of 10-20% ethyl acetate/hexane, afforded, after concentration of appropriate fractions, 2.21 g (56% for 3 steps) of the title azide as a white solid with mp 121-122.5 °C and MS(EI) 421 (M<sup>+</sup>).

**Step 7:** (S)-N-[3-[4-[3-[(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]-1-azetidinyl]-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinylmethyloxime

A solution of (R)-[3-[4-[3-[(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]-1-azetidinyl]-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyloxime (2.04 g, 4.85 mmol) in 1:1 ethyl acetate/methanol (200 mL) was treated with 10% palladium on carbon (0.300 g) under a nitrogen stream. The atmosphere was then replaced with H<sub>2</sub> (balloon) by repeated evacuation and filling. After 3 h, TLC analysis (5% methanol/chloroform) revealed the reduction to be complete. The reaction mixture was filtered through

Celite® and the filtrate concentrated under reduced pressure to a white solid. The crude 5-(aminomethyl)oxazolidinone was dissolved in dichloromethane (100 mL), cooled to 0 °C under a nitrogen atmosphere, and treated with pyridine (0.431 mL, 5.33 mmol) and acetic anhydride (0.503 mL, 5.33 mmol). After 30 min at 0 °C, the 5 acetylation was complete by TLC (5% methanol/chloroform). The reaction mixture was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the crude product as a tan solid. Chromatography over silica gel (125 g), eluting with a gradient of 1-3% methanol/chloroform, afforded, after concentration of appropriate fractions, 1.77 g (84%) of the title compound as a 10 white solid with mp 183.5-184 °C and MS(EI) 437 (M<sup>+</sup>).

**Step 8:** (S)-N-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-(3-hydroxy-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

An acetonitrile (55 mL) solution of (S)-N-[[3-[4-[3-[(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]-1-azetidinyl]-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-15 oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide (1.23 g, 2.81 mmol) in a polypropylene bottle was treated with 38% aqueous hydrofluoric acid (15 mL) at ambient temperature. TLC analysis revealed the deprotection to be complete after 3 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (15 mL) and neutralized with solid sodium bicarbonate. Additional water was added (50 mL) and the mixture extracted with chloroform. 20 The combined organic extracts were washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the title oxazolidinone antibacterial agent as an off-white solid with mp 174-177 °C and MS(EI) 323 (M<sup>+</sup>).

**EXAMPLE 3:** (S)-N-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-[3-[N-(2-fluoroethyl)-N-methylaminol-1-25 azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

**Step 1:** 1-(Diphenylmethyl)-3-[N-(2-fluoroethyl)-N-methylaminolazetidine

1-(Diphenylmethyl)-3-(methylamino)azetidine (5.00 g, 19.8 mmol) was combined with potassium carbonate (16.4 g, 119 mmol) and 2-fluoroethyl tosylate (6.50 g, 29.8 mmol) in 6% water/acetonitrile (200 mL). The mixture was heated to 30 reflux temperature under a nitrogen atmosphere. After 3 h at reflux, TLC analysis (5% methanol/chloroform) revealed a small amount of starting material remained. An additional 1.8 g of 2-fluoroethyl tosylate was added and the reaction mixture refluxed a furhter 2 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to ambient temperature and concentrated under reduced pressure. Chromatography over silica gel (200 g), 35 eluting with a gradient of 1-5% acetonitrile/chloroform, afforded, after concentration of appropriate fractions, 4.07 g (69%) of the title compound as an amber syrup with

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**Step 2:** 3-fluoro-4-[3-[N-(2-fluoroethyl)-N-methylamino]-1-azetidinyl]nitrobenzene

A Parr bottle was charged with 1-(Diphenylmethyl)-3-[N-(2-fluoroethyl)-N-methylamino]azetidine (3.88 g, 13.0 mmol) and 25% tetrahydrofuran/ethanol (130 mL). Palladium hydroxide on carbon (1.9 g) was then added under a nitrogen stream. The mixture was then shaken on a Parr apparatus under 45 psi of  $\text{H}_2$ . After 20 hours, TLC analysis (5% methanol/chloroform) reavealed the hydrogenolysis to be complete. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite® and concentrated under reduced pressure to a colorless oil. This material was dissolved in dimethyl sulfoxide (50 mL) and treated with dipotassium hydrogen phosphate (13.6 g, 78.0 mmol) followed by 3,4-difluoronitrobenzene (1.72 mL, 15.6 mmol). The reaction mixture was then stirred at ambient temperature and reaction progress monitored by TLC analysis (5% methanol/chloroform). After 4 hours, the reaction mixture was added to  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (500 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (4 x 75 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to a yellow syrup. Chromatography over silica gel (200 g), eluting with a gradient 0-2.5% acetonitrile/dichloromethane, afforded, after concentration of appropriate fractions, 2.87 g (81%) of the title compound as a yellow solid with mp 46.5-48 °C and MS(FAB) 272 ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ )<sup>+</sup>.

**Step 3:**  $\text{N}-(\text{carbobenzyloxy})$ -3-fluoro-4-[3-[N-(2-fluoroethyl)-N-methylamino]-1-azetidinyl]aniline

A solution of 3-fluoro-4-[3-[N-(2-fluoroethyl)-N-methylamino]-1-azetidinyl]nitrobenzene (2.66 g, 9.82 mmol) in 2:1 tetrahydrofuran/water (50 mL) and acetic acid (2.0 mL) was treated with 10% palladium/carbon under a nitrogen stream. The atmosphere was replaced with  $\text{H}_2$  (balloon) by repeated evacuation and filling and the reaction mixture stirred under  $\text{H}_2$  overnight. TLC analysis (6% acetonitrile/chloroform) at this time revealed the reduction to be complete. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite®. Exposure to air was minimized since a purple color rapidly developed under these conditions. The filtrate was cooled with an ice bath to ca. 0 °C and treated with potassium carbonate (6.8 g, 49 mmol) and benzylchloroformate (1.63 mL, 10.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at ca. 0°C for 1 h and then warmed to room temperature over 30 min. TLC analysis (6% acetonitrile/chloroform) at this time revealed the reaction to be complete. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (200 mL) and extracted with chloroform (3 x 75 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water and brine, dried

over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to a dark amber syrup. Chromatography over silica gel (200 g), eluting with a gradient of 1-3% methanol/chloroform, afforded, after concentration of appropriate fractions, 3.71 g (100%) of the title compound as an amber syrup. An analytical sample was 5 prepared by an additional chromatographic purification to give a light amber solid with mp 57-59 °C and MS(EI) 375 (M<sup>+</sup>).

**Step 4:** (R)-N-[3-[3-fluoro-4-[3-[N-(2-fluoroethyl)-N-methylamino]-1-azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methanol

A solution of N-(carbobenzyloxy)-3-fluoro-4-[3-[N-(2-fluoroethyl)-N-methylamino]-1-azetidinyl]aniline (3.38 g, 9.01 mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (40 mL) under nitrogen was cooled to -78°C and treated with *n*-butyllithium (5.69 mL of a 1.6 M solution in hexane, 9.10 mmol). The reaction mixture was warmed to -40°C and then recooled to -78 °C and treated with (R)-glycidyl butyrate (1.29 mL, 9.10 mmol). When the addition was completed, the reaction mixture was allowed to 15 warm to ambient temperature. After 1 h, the reaction appeared to be complete by TLC analysis (5% methanol/chloroform). The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (1 mL), diluted with water (100 mL), and extracted with chloroform (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under 20 reduced pressure to an amber syrup. Chromatography over silica gel (200 g), eluting with a gradient of 1-4% methanol/chloroform, afforded, after concentration of appropriate fractions, 1.69 g (55%) of the title compound as an off-white solid with mp 124-125 °C and MS(EI) 341 (M<sup>+</sup>).

**Step 5:** (R)-[[3-[4-[3-[N-(2-fluoroethyl)-N-methylamino]-1-azetidinyl]-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]methanesulfonate

A solution of (R)-N-[3-[3-fluoro-4-[3-[N-(2-fluoroethyl)-N-methylamino]-1-azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methanol (1.40 g, 4.11 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (16 mL) was treated with triethylamine (0.628 mL, 4.52 mmol) and then cooled to 0 °C under a nitrogen atmosphere. Methanesulfonyl chloride (0.348 mL, 4.52 mmol) was then added and the mixture stirred at 0 °C. TLC analysis (5% methanol/chloroform) after 2 h revealed a small amount of starting material still remained. An additional portion of methanesulfonyl chloride (0.100 mL, 1.30 mmol) was added and the reaction continued a further 1 h at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate, dried over sodium sulfate, 30 filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to give 1.88 g (100%) of the title compound as a light orange solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis indicated this material was of high quality.

An analytical sample was prepared by chromatographing 200 mg of the crude product over silica gel (10 g), eluting with a gradient of 1-4% methanol/chloroform, to afford, after concentration of appropriate fractions, 99 mg of the title compound as an off-white solid with mp 96.5-98 °C and MS(EI) 419 (M<sup>+</sup>).

5 **Step 6:** (R)-[[3-[4-[3-[N-(2-fluoroethyl)-N-methylamino]-1-azetidinyl]-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyllazide

A solution of (R)-[[3-[4-[3-[N-(2-fluoroethyl)-N-methylamino]-1-azetidinyl]-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]methanesulfonate (1.65 g, 3.94 mmol) in dry N,N-dimethylformamide (15 mL) was treated with solid sodium azide (0.768 g, 10 11.8 mmol). The reaction mixture was then heated to 65 °C under a nitrogen atmosphere. After 3 h, TLC analysis (5% methanol/chloroform) revealed a small amount of starting mesylate still remained. An additional portion of sodium azide (0.256 g, 3.94 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture heated at 65 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to ambient temperature, filtered and concentrated 15 under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed over silica gel (100 g), eluting with a gradient of 1-4% methanol/chloroform, to afford, after concentration of appropriate fractions, 1.24 g (86%) of the title compound as an off-white solid with mp 60-63 °C and MS(EI) 366 (M<sup>+</sup>).

20 **Step 7:** (S)-N-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-[3-[N-(2-fluoroethyl)-N-methylamino]-1-azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyllacetamide

A solution of (R)-[[3-[4-[3-[N-(2-fluoroethyl)-N-methylamino]-1-azetidinyl]-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]azide (1.14 g, 3.11 mol) in methanol (20 mL) was treated with 10% palladium/carbon (0.114 g) under a nitrogen stream. The atmosphere was replaced with H<sub>2</sub> (balloon) by repeated evacuation and filling. After 25 2.5 h, TLC analysis (5% methanol/chloroform) revealed the reduction to be complete. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite® and the filtrate concentrated *in vacuo* to an off-white solid. This material was dissolved in dichloromethane (20 mL) and treated with pyridine (0.264 mL, 3.27 mmol) and acetic anhydride (0.309 mL, 3.27 mmol) under nitrogen. After 30 min TLC analysis (5% methanol/chloroform) 30 indicated the acetylation to be complete. the reaction mixture was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to give an amber oil. Chromatography over silica gel (125 g), eluting with a gradient of 1-4% methanol/chloroform, afforded, after concentration of appropriate fractions, 0.892 g (75%) of the title oxazolidinone antibacterial agent as an off-white 35 solid with mp 125.5-127 °C and MS(EI) 382 (M<sup>+</sup>).

**EXAMPLE 4: (S)-N-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-(3-oxo-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide**

A solution of *(S)-N-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-(3-hydroxy-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide* (EXAMPLE 2, 0.440 g, 1.36 mmol) in 10% acetonitrile/dichloromethane (100 mL) was treated with powdered 4 angstrom molecular sieves (0.682 g), 4-methylmorpholine *N*-oxide (0.319 g, 2.72 mmol) and then tetra-*n*-propylammonium perruthenate (0.024 g, 0.068 mmol) at ambient temperature. After stirring 1.5 hours at ambient temperature, TLC analysis (10% methanol/chloroform) revealed a small amount of starting alcohol still remained.

5 The addition of more 4-methylmorpholine *N*-oxide did not consume the starting material. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to a dark purple solid which was then chromatographed over silica gel (20 g), eluting with a gradient of 1-3.5% methanol/chloroform, to afford, after concentration of appropriate fractions, 0.204 g (47%) of the title oxazolidinone antibacterial agent as a white solid

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15 with mp 192-193 °C and MS(EI) 321 (M<sup>+</sup>).

**EXAMPLE 5: (S)-N-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-[3-(methoxyimino)-1-azetidinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide**

A solution of *(S)-N-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-(3-oxo-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide* (EXAMPLE 4, 0.200 g, 0.623 mmol) in 5% methanol/dichloromethane (10 mL) was treated with pyridine (0.201 mL, 2.49 mmol) and then methoxylamine hydrochloride (0.052 g, 0.623 mmol) at ambient temperature. After 1.5 hours, TLC analysis (10% methanol/chloroform) revealed the reaction to be complete. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to a white solid. Chromatography over silica gel (10 g), eluting with a gradient of 1-3% methanol/chloroform, afforded, after concentration of appropriate fractions, 0.204 g (94%) of the title oxazolidinone antibacterial agent as an off-white solid. Another synthetic run provided material with mp 189-192 °C and MS(EI) 350 (M<sup>+</sup>).

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**EXAMPLE 6: (S)-N-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-(3-methoxy-3-methyl-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide**

**Step 1: 1-(diphenylmethyl)-3-methoxy-3-methylazetidine**

A slurry of 1-(diphenylmethyl)-3-methyl-3-azetidinol hydrochloride (5.00 g, 17.2 mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (200 mL) was cooled with an ice bath to 0 °C and treated with sodium hydride (2.10 g of a 60% dispersion in oil, 51.8 mmol) under

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nitrogen. The cooling bath was removed and the mixture warmed to reflux temperature for 15 min. After cooling to room temperature, iodomethane (7.40 g, 3.22 mL, 51.8 mmol) was added. When the addition was completed, the reaction mixture was heated to reflux temperature for 15 hours. TLC analysis (9:1 hexane /ethyl acetate) revealed the methylation to be complete. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous ammonium chloride. The mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel with ethyl acetate and water and then extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was chromatographed over silica gel, eluting with 9:1 ethyl acetate/hexane. Concentration of appropriate fractions afforded 2.30 g (50%) of the title compound as a colorless oil with MS(EI) 267 ( $M^+$ ).

**Step 2:** 3-fluoro-4-(3-methoxy-3-methyl-1-azetidinyl)nitrobenzene

A solution of 1-(diphenylmethyl)-3-methoxy-3-methylazetidine (2.20 g, 8.2 mmol) in 25% tetrahydrofuran/ethanol was treated with glacial acetic acid (1.60 g, 1.50 mL, 24.7 mmol) and then palladium hydroxide on carbon (0.220 g) under a nitrogen stream. The reaction mixture was shaken on a Parr apparatus under 35 psi of  $H_2$ . At this time TLC analysis (9:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) revealed the reaction to be complete. The mixture was filtered through Celite® (ethyl acetate wash) and the filtrate concentrated *in vacuo* to give an oil. This material was dissolved in dimethyl sulfoxide (15 mL) and the solution treated with dipotassium hydrogen phosphate (8.60 g, 49.2 mmol) and 3,4-difluoronitrobenzene (1.30 g, 0.886 mL, 8.0 mmol) at ambient temperature. The yellow reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature under a nitrogen atmosphere for 18 hours. The reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted with dichloromethane. The combined organic extracts were washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and dried *in vacuo* to give a yellow solid. Chromatography over silica gel, eluting with 8:1 hexane/ethyl acetate, afforded, after concentration of appropriate fractions, 1.80 g (90%) of the title compound as a yellow solid with mp 110-111 °C and MS(EI) 240 ( $M^+$ ).

**Step 3:** N-(carbobenzyloxy)-3-fluoro-4-(3-methoxy-3-methyl-1-azetidinyl)aniline

A solution of 3-fluoro-4-(3-methoxy-3-methyl-1-azetidinyl)nitrobenzene (1.60 g, 6.7 mmol) in 25% tetrahydrofuran/methanol (35 mL) was degassed by repeated evacuation and filling with  $N_2$  and then treated with 10% palladium/carbon (0.160 g). Ammonium formate (2.10 g, 33.3 mmol) was then added and the mixture degassed a final time. The reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for

20 minutes, during which time the yellow reaction mixture became colorless. TLC analysis (2:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) revealed the reduction to be complete. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite® (dichloromethane and methanol wash) and the filtrate concentrated *in vacuo* to give a purple gum that was immediately dissolved in 1:1 acetone/water (30 mL) under N<sub>2</sub>. The mixture was cooled with an ice bath to 0 °C and treated with sodium bicarbonate (1.10 g, 13.4 mmol) and benzyl chloroformate (1.20 g, 1.00 mL, 7.37 mmol). The cooling bath was allowed to dissipate over a 3 h period. After stirring a further 2 h at ambient temperature, the reaction mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel with dichloromethane (50 mL). The organic phase was separated, washed with water, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a purple oil. Chromatography over silica gel, eluting with 6:1 hexane/ethyl acetate, afforded, after concentration of appropriate fractions, 2.04 g (89%) of the title compound as a viscous oil which solidified on standing to a waxy solid with mp 73-75 °C and MS(EI) 344 (M<sup>+</sup>).

15 **Step 4:** (R)-[3-[3-fluoro-4-(3-methoxy-3-methyl-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinylmethanol

A solution of N-(carbobenzyloxy)-3-fluoro-4-(3-methoxy-3-methyl-1-azetidinyl)aniline (1.85 g, 5.4 mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (20 mL) was cooled to 78 °C with a dry ice/acetone bath and treated with *n*-butyllithium (3.50 mL of a 1.6 M solution in hexane, 5.7 mmol) via syringe. After 5 min at this temperature, (R)-glycidyl butyrate (0.823 g, 0.807 mL, 5.7 mmol) was added via syringe and the reaction mixture left overnight, with gradual dissipation of the cooling bath. TLC analysis (5% methanol/chloroform) revealed the starting Cbz derivative was consumed. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to a waxy orange solid. The residue was dissolved in 20% methanol/dichloromethane, washed sequentially with saturated ammonium chloride, saturated sodium bicarbonate and brine. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a crude product. Radial chromatography over silica gel, eluting with 2%, 3% and then 5% methanol/chloroform, afforded, after concentration of appropriate fractions, 0.811 g (48%) of the title compound as a colorless gum which was very clean by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis. An analytical sample was prepared by recrystallization from dichloromethane/diethyl ether to give a white solid with mp 113-114 °C and MS(EI) 310 (M<sup>+</sup>).

35 **Step 5:** (R)-[3-[3-fluoro-4-(3-methoxy-3-methyl-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinylmethyloxymethanesulfonate

A solution of (R)-[3-[3-fluoro-4-(3-methoxy-3-methyl-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-

oxo-5-oxazolidinyl)methanol (0.700 g, 2.25 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (10 mL) was cooled to 0 °C with an ice bath. Triethylamine (0.250 g, 0.345 mL, 2.48 mmol) and then methanesulfonyl chloride (0.271 g, 0.183 mL, 2.37 mmol) were then added and the reaction mixture stirred under N<sub>2</sub> while the cooling bath dissipated. After 3 h TLC analysis (5% methanol/chloroform) revealed the mesylation to be essentially complete. The reaction mixture was diluted with additional dichloromethane and washed with 0.5 N hydrochloric acid, saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate and brine. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Radial chromatography over silica gel, eluting with 3% methanol/chloroform, afforded, after concentration of appropriate fractions, 0.022 g of recovered starting alcohol and 0.700 g (80%) of the title compound as a white solid with MS(EI) 388 (M<sup>+</sup>).

**Step 6:** (S)-N-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-(3-methoxy-3-methyl-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

A mixture of (*R*)-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-(3-methoxy-3-methyl-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]methanesulfonate (0.680 g, 1.75 mmol) in 2:1 ammonium hydroxide/isopropanol (30 mL) was heated to reflux (dry-ice condenser). TLC analysis (5% methanol/chloroform) after 7 hours revealed mostly starting material. The reaction was continued for an additional 46 hours. After cooling to ambient temperature, TLC indicated that the starting mesylate was essentially consumed. The reaction mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel, along with dichloromethane (100 mL), and washed with water. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude 5-(aminomethyl)oxazolidinone was dissolved in dry dichloromethane (10 mL), cooled to 0 °C with an ice bath, and treated with pyridine (0.698 g, 0.708 mL, 8.75 mmol) and acetic anhydride (0.357 g, 0.330 mL, 3.50 mmol). The cooling bath was then removed and the reaction mixture stirred at ambient temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with additional dichloromethane (60 mL) and washed with 5% aqueous hydrochloric acid, saturated aqueous sodium carbonate, water and brine. The organic layer was then dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a crude gum. Radial chromatography over silica gel, eluting with 1%, 2% and 4% methanol/chloroform afforded, after concentration of appropriate fractions, 0.481 g (78%) of the title oxazolidinone antibacterial agent as a white foamy solid. A lyophilized sample had mp 132-134 °C and MS(EI) 351 (M<sup>+</sup>).

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**EXAMPLE 7:** (S)-N-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-(3-hydroxy-3-methyl-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-

oxo-5-oxazolidinylmethylacetamide**Step 1: 3-fluoro-4-(3-hydroxy-3-methyl-1-azetidinyl)nitrobenzene**

A solution of 1-(diphenylmethyl)-3-methyl-3-azetidinol hydrochloride (3.00 g, 10.4 mmol) in 2:1 methanol/tetrahydrofuran (60 mL) was treated with triethylamine (1.00 g, 1.40 mL, 10.4 mmol) and then palladium hydroxide/carbon (0.300 g) under a  $N_2$  stream. The mixture was shaken on a Parr apparatus under 40 psi  $H_2$ . TLC analysis (2:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) after 2.5 h revealed the hydrogenolysis to be complete. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite® (dichloromethane wash) and the filtrate concentrated under reduced pressure to give an oil which was immediately taken-up in dry dimethyl sulfoxide (15 mL) and treated with dipotassium hydrogen phosphate (3.40 g, 19.8 mmol) and 3,4-difluoronitrobenzene (1.60 g, 1.10 mL, 9.9 mmol) at ambient temperature under  $N_2$ . After stirring 16 hours at this temperature, TLC analysis (2:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) revealed the reaction to be essentially complete. The reaction mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel along with dichloromethane (100 mL) and water (150 mL). After shaking, the organic phase was separated. The aqueous phase was back-extracted with dichloromethane and the combined organic extracts washed with water, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to an oil. Chromatography over silica gel, eluting with 3:1 hexane/ethyl acetate, afforded, after concentration of appropriate fractions, 2.15 g (98%) of the title compound as an orange solid with mp 109-110 °C and MS(EI) 226 ( $M^+$ ).

**Step 2: 4-[3-[(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxyl]-3-methyl-1-azetidinyl]-3-fluoronitrobenzene**

A solution of 3-fluoro-4-(3-hydroxy-3-methyl-1-azetidinyl)nitrobenzene (1.80 g, 8.0 mmol) in dry N,N-dimethylformamide (15 mL) was cooled to 0 °C with an ice bath and then treated with imidazole (0.572 g, 8.4 mmol) and *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (1.30 g, 8.4 mmol) under  $N_2$ . The reaction mixture was stirred overnight with gradual dissipation of the cooling bath. The reaction mixture was then transferred to a separatory funnel, along with water and 1:1 hexane/diethyl ether. After shaking, the layers were separated and the aqueous phase back-extracted with additional 1:1 hexane/diethyl ether. The combined organic extracts were washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to give an oil. Chromatography over silica gel, eluting with 3% diethyl ether/hexane and then 1:1 hexane/ethyl acetate, afforded, after concentration of appropriate fractions, 0.536 g of starting alcohol and 1.90 g (70%) of the title compound as a bright yellow solid with mp 98-99.5 °C and MS(EI) 340 ( $M^+$ ).

**Step 3: N-(carbobenzyloxy)-4-[3-[(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]-3-methyl-1-azetidinyl]-3-fluoroaniline**

A solution of 4-[3-[(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]-3-methyl-1-azetidinyl]-3-fluoronitrobenzene (1.70 g, 5.0 mmol) in 2:1 methanol/tetrahydrofuran (30 mL) was 5 degassed by repeated evacuation and filling with N<sub>2</sub> and then treated with 10% palladium/carbon (0.170 g) under N<sub>2</sub>. Solid ammonium formate was added, the reaction mixture degassed a final time, and the mixture cooled with an ice bath due to the observation of an exotherm. The color of the reaction mixture changed from yellow to colorless. TLC analysis (2:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) revealed the reduction 10 to be complete. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite® and the filtrate concentrated *in vacuo* to give the intermediate aniline as a solid which was immediately dissolved in 1:1 acetone/water, cooled to 0°C with an ice bath, and treated with sodium bicarbonate (0.840 g, 10.0 mmol) and then benzyl chloroformate (0.938 g, 0.785 mL, 5.5 mmol). The reaction mixture was left to stir overnight under 15 N<sub>2</sub> with gradual dissipation of the cooling bath. After a total of 16 h, the reaction mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel along with dichloromethane (100 mL). After shaking, the organic phase was separated, washed with water, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to give a crude oil. Chromatography over silica gel, eluting with 9:1 hexane/ethyl acetate, 20 afforded, after concentration of appropriate fractions, 1.68 g (76%) of the title compound as a gum with MS(EI) 444 (M<sup>+</sup>).

**Step 4: (R)-[3-4-[3-[(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]-3-methyl-1-azetidinyl]-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinylmethanol**

A solution of N-(carbobenzyloxy)-4-[3-[(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]-3-methyl-1-azetidinyl]-3-fluoroaniline (1.60 g, 3.8 mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (20 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> was cooled to -78 °C with a dry ice/acetone bath and treated with *n*-butyllithium (2.40 mL of a 1.55 M solution in hexane, 3.8 mmol) via syringe. After 5 min at this temperature, (R)-glycidyl butyrate (0.548 g, 0.538 mL, 3.8 mmol) was added. When the addition was completed, the cooling bath was removed and the reaction mixture 25 allowed to warm to ambient temperature under N<sub>2</sub>. After 2 h at this temperature, TLC analysis (2:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) revealed the starting Cbz derivative was consumed. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue dissolved in ethyl acetate, washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a crude product. Chromatography over 30 silica gel, eluting with 30% ethyl acetate/dichloromethane, afforded, after concentration of appropriate fractions, 1.10 g (71%) of the title 5-(hydroxymethyl)-

oxazolidinone as a white solid with mp 143.5-144.5 °C and MS(EI) 410 (M<sup>+</sup>).

**Step 5:** (R)-[[3-[4-[3-[(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]-3-methyl-1-azetidinyl]-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyllumethanesulfonate

A solution of (R)-[3-[4-[3-[(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]-3-methyl-1-azetidinyl]-

5 3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methanol (1.00 g, 2.43 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (15 mL) was cooled to 0 °C with an ice bath and treated with triethylamine (0.295 g, 0.406 mL, 2.92 mmol) and then methanesulfonyl chloride (0.321 g, 0.217 mL, 2.80 mmol) under N<sub>2</sub>. After 2 h at 0°C, TLC analysis (5% methanol/chloroform) revealed the reaction to be complete. The reaction mixture 10 was transferred to a separatory funnel along with more dichloromethane (75 mL). The organic layer was washed with 0.5 N hydrochloric acid, saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate, water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to give 1.03 g (94%) of the title compound as a white solid with mp 113-115 °C and MS(EI) 488 (M<sup>+</sup>).

15 **Step 6:** (R)-[[3-[4-[3-[(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]-3-methyl-1-azetidinyl]-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyllazide

A solution of (R)-[[3-[4-[3-[(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]-3-methyl-1-azetidinyl]-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]methanesulfonate (0.960 g, 2.10 mmol) in dry N,N-dimethylformamide (20 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> was treated with sodium azide (0.273 g, 4.2 mmol) at ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was heated to 70 °C for 3 h and then cooled to room temperature. TLC analysis (5% methanol/chloroform) at this time revealed the reaction to be complete. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue taken-up in dichloromethane (100 mL) and water. The organic phase was separated, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and 25 concentrated *in vacuo* to give 0.820 g (90%) of the title compound as a white solid with mp 127-128 °C and MS(EI) 435 (M<sup>+</sup>).

**Step 7:** (S)-N-[[3-[4-[3-[(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]-3-methyl-1-azetidinyl]-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyllacetamide

A solution of (R)-[[3-[4-[3-[(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]-3-methyl-1-azetidinyl]-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]azide (0.750 g, 1.72 mmol) in ethyl acetate (20 mL) was degassed by repeated evacuation and filling with N<sub>2</sub>. The solution was then treated with 10% palladium/carbon (0.075 g) under a N<sub>2</sub> stream. The atmosphere was replaced with H<sub>2</sub> (balloon) by repeated evacuation and filling and the reaction mixture stirred at ambient temperature. TLC analysis (5% methanol/chloroform) after 6 h revealed the reduction to be complete. The reaction 35 mixture was filtered through Celite® and the filtrate concentrated under reduced

pressure. The residue was dissolved in dry dichloromethane (10 mL), cooled to 0 °C with an ice bath, and treated with pyridine (0.680 g, 0.696 mL, 8.60 mmol) and acetic anhydride (0.263 g, 0.243 mL, 2.58 mmol). The cooling bath was removed and the reaction mixture stirred at ambient temperature under N<sub>2</sub>. After 3 h the 5 reaction mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel along with dichloromethane (100 mL). The mixture was washed with 10% hydrochloric acid, saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Radial chromatography over silica gel, eluting with 3% and then 5% methanol/chloroform, afforded, after concentration of appropriate fractions, 0.643 g 10 (83%) of the title compound as a white solid with mp 137-138 °C and MS(EI) 451 (M<sup>+</sup>).

**Step 8:** (S)-N-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-(3-hydroxy-3-methyl-1-azetidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide

A solution of (S)-N-[[3-[4-[3-[(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]-3-methyl-1-15 azetidinyl]-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide (0.550 g, 1.22 mmol) in acetonitrile (20 mL) in a polypropylene bottle was treated with 40% aqueous hydrofluoric acid (5 mL) at ambient temperature. After 16 h TLC analysis (5% methanol/chloroform) revealed the deprotection was essentially complete. The reaction mixture was transferred to an erlenmeyer flask along with some 20 dichloromethane (150 mL). The stirred mixture was carefully treated with saturated aqueous sodium carbonate (300 mL, gas evolution). After gas evolution ceased, the mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel and the phases separated. The aqueous phase was neutralized to pH 7 by the addition of 6 N hydrochloric acid and extracted with dichloromethane. The combined organic 25 extracts were dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Radial chromatography over silica gel, eluting with 5% methanol/chloroform, afforded, after concentration of appropriate fractions, 0.374 g (91%) of the title oxazolidinone antibacterial agent as a white solid with mp 152-153 °C and MS(EI) 337 (M<sup>+</sup>).

**30 Pyrrolidinone-Phenyl oxazolidinone Examples**

**EXAMPLE 8:** (S)-N-[[3-[4-(1-Aza-5.5-dimethyl-4.6-dioxabicyclo[3.3.0]octan-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide:

3-Fluoro-1-nitro-4-(2,5-dihydropyrryl)benzene:

A solution of 2.30g(14.47mmol) of 2, 4-dinitrofluorobenzene and 35 5.04g(28.93mmol) of dibasic potassium phosphate in 30mL DMSO was treated with 1.0g(14.47mmol) of 3-pyrroline, followed by warming at 60°C for 24h. The solution

was cooled and diluted with 100mL chloroform followed by extraction with water (5 x 75mL). Drying (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentration *in vacuo* afforded a yellow solid which was recrystallized from hot ethyl acetate-hexane to afford 2.58g(86%) of the title compound as yellow prisms, mp 132-134°C.

5        3-Fluoro-1-nitro-4-(*cis*-3,4-dihydroxypyrrolidinyl)-benzene:

A solution of 1.25g(6.02mmol) of the previous compound and 881mg(7.52mmol) of N-methylmorpholine N-oxide in 60mL acetone and 13mL water was treated with 4mL of a 2.5% osmium tetroxide solution in *tert*-butyl alcohol followed by stirring at ambient temperature for 24h. The solution with 500mg of 10 sodium bisulfite, 2g of magnesol, and 10mL water followed by stirring for 20min. The mixture was filtered through celite, washing the filter cake with acetone. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* and diluted with 100mL ethyl acetate and 150mL water. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 100mL) and the combined organic layers were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford a 15 yellow solid. This material was recrystallized from hot acetone-hexane to afford 1.33g(91%) of the title compound as a yellow solid, mp 151-153°C.

1-(1-aza-5,5-dimethyl-4,6-dioxabicyclo[3.3.0]octan-1-yl)-2-fluoro-4-nitrobenzene (3):

A solution of 1.27g(5.24mmol) of the previous diol in 10mL 20 dimethylformamide was treated with 1.09g(1.3mL, 10.49mmol) of 2,2-dimethoxypropane and a few crystals of *p*-toluenesulfonic acid, followed by stirring at ambient temperature for 24h. The solution was diluted with 50mL chloroform and extracted with water (5 x 30mL). Drying (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentration *in vacuo* afforded 1.45g(98%) of the title compound as a yellow solid, sufficiently pure for 25 further use. An analytical sample was obtained by recrystallization from hot acetone-hexane, mp 113-114°C.

1-(1-aza-5,5-dimethyl-4,6-dioxabicyclo[3.3.0]octan-1-yl)-2-fluoro-4-(phenylmethoxycarbonyl)aminobenzene:

A solution of 1.45g(5.14mmol) of the previous compound in 50mL 30 tetrahydrofuran was treated with 260mg of 10% palladium on carbon followed by hydrogenation at one atmosphere for 3h. The reaction vessel was purged with nitrogen and treated with 20mL saturated sodium bicarbonate solution followed by cooling to 0°C and addition of 1.75g(1.47mL, 10.27mmol) of benzyl chloroformate. The solution was stirred at 0°C for 30min followed by warming to ambient 35 temperature for 18h. The mixture was diluted with 50mL ethyl acetate and 50mL water and filtered through celite, washing the filter

cake with ethyl acetate. The filtrate layers were separated and the organic phase was extracted with 50mL water and 50mL saturated sodium chloride solution.

Drying ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and concentration *in vacuo* afforded a light purple solid which was recrystallized from hot ethyl acetate-hexane to afford 1.56g(79%) of the title compound as fine white crystals.  $^1\text{H NMR}(\text{CDCl}_3)$ : 87.39, 7.25, 6.93, 6.67, 5.19, 4.80, 3.73, 2.97, 1.53, 1.37.

(R)-[3-14-(1-Aza-5.5-dimethyl-4.6-dioxabicyclo[3.3.0]octan-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinylmethanol (5):

A solution of 1.36g(3.52mmol) of Cbz derivative of the previous compound in 48mL tetrahydrofuran at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  was treated dropwise with 2.41mL(1.6M, 3.87mmol) of n-butyllithium in hexane, followed by stirring at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  for 30min. The solution was then treated with 558mg(0.55mL, 3.87mmol) of neat (R)-(+)-glycidyl butyrate, followed by warming to  $0^\circ\text{C}$  for 30min and then to ambient temperature for 18h. The solution was then cooled to  $0^\circ\text{C}$  and treated with 4mL saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution, followed by dilution with 200mL dichloromethane and extraction with water (2 x 50mL) and saturated ammonium chloride solution (50mL). Drying ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and concentration *in vacuo* afforded a brown solid which was chromatographed over 80g of 230-400 mesh silica gel, eluting with 2%(v/v) methanol in dichloromethane. These procedures afforded 840mg of the title compound as an off-white solid.  $^1\text{H NMR}(\text{CDCl}_3)$ : 87.34, 7.06, 6.71, 4.80, 4.75, 4.01, 3.73, 3.67, 3.56, 2.95, 1.50, 1.36. (S)-[3-14-(1-Aza-5.5-dimethyl-4.6-dioxabicyclo[3.3.0]octan-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinylmethyllmethanesulfonate:

A solution of 791mg(2.25mmol) of the previous alcohol and 283mg(0.39mL, 2.81mmol) of triethylamine in 11mL dichloromethane at  $0^\circ\text{C}$  was treated with 296mg(0.20mL, 2.58mmol) of methanesulfonyl chloride, followed by stirring at  $0^\circ\text{C}$  for 30min. The mixture was warmed to ambient temperature and diluted with 75mL dichloromethane followed by extraction with water (2 x 30mL) and with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (30mL). Drying( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and concentration *in vacuo* afforded 810mg(84%) of the title mesylate as an off-white solid sufficiently pure for further use.  $^1\text{H NMR}(\text{CDCl}_3)$ : 87.36, 7.07, 6.73, 4.90, 4.82, 4.48, 4.41, 4.10, 3.89, 3.77, 3.10, 3.02, 1.51, 1.37.

(S)-N-[3-14-(1-Aza-5.5-dimethyl-4.6-dioxabicyclo[3.3.0]octan-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinylmethyllacetamide:

35 A solution of 810mg (1.88mmol) of the previous mesylate in 8mL of 1:1

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tetrahydrofuran-isopropyl alcohol in a resealable thick wall tube was treated with 8mL of ammonium hydroxide. The tube was sealed and warmed at 100°C for 22h. The tube was cooled and the reaction mixture was partitioned between chloroform and water. The organic layer was dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford 520mg of a tan solid, which was used dissolved in 2mL pyridine and treated with 357mg(0.33mL, 3.50mmol) acetic anhydride followed by stirring at ambient temperature for 18h. The solution was diluted with chloroform (20mL) and extracted with water (4 x 20mL). The organic layer was dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and concentrated *in vacuo* and the solid obtained recrystallized from chloroform-hexane to afford 350mg(59%) of the title acetamide as off-white needles, mp 195-7°C.

**EXAMPLE 9: (S)-N-[[3-[4-(3,4-cis-dihydroxypyrrolidinyl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide (9):**

A solution of 249mg(0.63mmol) of the compound prepared in Example 8 in 2mL tetrahydrofuran was treated with 2mL 2N hydrochloric acid solution, followed by stirring at ambient temperature for 18h. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue treated with 30mL saturated sodium bicarbonate solution. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 50mL), dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford 110mg of an off-white solid.

This material was subjected to radial chromatography on a 2mm chromatotron plate eluting with 7%(v/v) methanol in dichloromethane. These procedures afforded 60mg(28%) of the title diol as a white solid, mp 183-189°C(decomposition).

**EXAMPLE 10: (S)-N-[[3-[4-(3-hydroxypyrrolidinyl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide:**

**3-Fluoro-4-(3-hydroxypyrrolidinyl)nitrobenzene:**

To a solution of 3-pyrrolidinol (1.82 g) and 3,4-difluoronitrobenzene (3.0 g) in dimethylformamide (30 ml) was added potassium carbonate (3.94 g). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight and then filtered followed by washing with dichloromethane. The filtrate combined was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue obtained was chromatographed over a silica gel column eluting with ethyl acetate/hexane with increasing in the content of ethyl acetate (50% to 60%). The appropriate fractions were pooled and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the title compound (4.83 g);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ , 270 MHz),  $\delta$  0.85 (2H, m), 2.25-2.57 (4H, m), 3.26 (1H, m), 5.47 (1H, t,  $J=8.6$  Hz), 6.62 (1H, dd,  $J=2.4$ ,

14.0 Hz), 6.69 (1H, dd, J=2.4, 8.6 Hz).

3-Fluoro-4-[3-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)pyrrolidinyl]nitrobenzene:

A mixture of the previous compound (4.83 g), triethylamine (9.5 ml) and 5 dimethylaminopyridine (2.79 g) in tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) was treated with *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (5.15 g) at 0°C. and stirred at room temp. for 2 days. The mixture was filtered and the insoluble material was washed with dichloromethane. The filtrate combined was washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue obtained was chromatographed 10 over a silica gel column eluting with ethylacetate/hexane (70/30). The appropriate fractions were combined and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the title compound (11) (6.45 g); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ 0.09 (6H, s), 0.88 (9H, s), 2.02 (2H, m), 3.42-3.78 (4H, m), 4.52 (1H, m), 6.53 (1H, t, J=8.9 Hz), 7.87 (1H, dd, J=2.4, 14.0 Hz), 7.94 (1H, dd, J=2.4, 8.9 Hz).

15 3-Fluoro-4-[3-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)pyrrolidinyl]aniline:

Palladium on carbon (10%, 500 mg) was added to a mixture of the previous compound (5.0 g) in a mixed solvent of dichloromethane (20 ml) and methanol (100 ml). The mixture was stirred under 1 atmosphere of hydrogen for 6 h, then filtered and the palladium on carbon was washed with methanol and dichloromethane. The 20 combined filtrates were concentrated under reduced pressure to give the title compound (4.52 g); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ 0.08 (6H, s), 0.88 (9H, s), 1.87 (1H, m), 2.11 (1H, m), 3.05 (1H, m), 3.29 (2H, m), 3.56 (1H, m), 4.48 (1H, m), 6.38 (1H, dd, J=2.4, 8.9 Hz), 6.44 (1H, dd, J=2.4, 14.0 Hz), 6.61 (1H, t, J=8.9 Hz).

25 1-Benzoyloxycarbonylamino-4-[3-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)pyrrolidinyl]-3-fluorobenzene:

Benzyl chloroformate (3.0 ml) was added to a mixture of the previous compound (4.52 g) and sodium bicarbonate (1.76 g) in tetrahydrofuran (50 ml) at 0°C. The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight and then filtered followed by washing with tetrahydrofuran. The combined filtrates were dried over 30 sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue obtained was subjected to a silica gel column eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate (90/10). The appropriate fractions was unified and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the title compound (4.40 g); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ 0.08 (6H, s), 0.88 (9H, s), 1.87 (1H, m), 2.11 (1H, m), 3.05 (1H, m), 3.29 (2H, m), 3.56 (1H, m), 4.48 (1H, m), 5.18 (2H, s), 35 6.59 (1H, t, J=8.9 Hz), 6.88 (1H, dd, J=2.4, 8.9 Hz), 7.10 (1H, dd, J=2.4, 14.0 Hz), 7.36 (5H, m).

(S)-[3-[4-[3-(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy)pyrrolidinyl]-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinylmethanol:

A solution of the previous compound (4.40 g) in dry tetrahydrofuran (50 ml) was cooled to -78°C under nitrogen and treated with 7.3 ml (1.6 M in hexane) of n-BuLi with stirring for 5 min. The mixture was treated with 1.65 ml of (R)-(+)-glycidyl butyrate and was allowed to warm slowly to room temperature overnight. The reaction was quenched by addition of saturated ammonium sulfate solution (10 ml) and the mixture extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 50 ml). The organic layer combined was washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue obtained was chromatographed over a silica gel column eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate with increasing in the content of ethyl acetate (50% to 70%). The appropriate fractions were pooled and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the title compound (1.44 g); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ 0.08 (6H, s), 0.88 (9H, s), 1.91-2.10 (2H, m), 3.18 (1H, m), 3.39-3.48 (2H, m), 3.63 (1H, m), 3.78 (1H, m), 3.87-4.01 (3H, m), 4.48 (1H, m), 4.66 (1H, m), 6.63 (1H, t, J=9.5 Hz), 7.04 (1H, dd, J=2.4, 9.5 Hz), 7.32 (1H, dd, J=2.4, 14.6 Hz).

(S)-[3-[4-[3-(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy)pyrrolidinyl]-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinylmethyll methanesulfonate:

To a solution of the previous compound (1.44 g) in pyridine (10 ml) was added p-toluene sulfonylchloride (0.88 g) at 0°C with stirring. The mixture was stirred at room temp. for over night. Water (40 ml) was added slowly to the mixture with stirring and the mixture was futher stirred for 1 hr to give crystals. The crystals were collected by filtration, washed with water and dried at 40 °C under reduced pressure overnight to give the title compound (1.96 g); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ 0.09 (6H, s), 0.88 (9H, s), 1.90-2.08 (2H, m), 2.46 (3H, s), 3.21 (1H, m), 3.40-3.49 (2H, m), 3.65 (1H, m), 3.81 (1H, dd, J=5.9, 8.9 Hz), 4.03 (1H, t, J=8.9 Hz), 4.24 (2H, m), 4.49 (1H, m), 4.80 (1H, m), 6.63 (1H, t, J=9.5 Hz), 6.96 (1H, dd, J=2.4, 9.5 Hz), 7.23 (1H, dd, J=2.4, 14.6 Hz), 7.36 (2H, d, J=7.8 Hz), 7.79 (2H, d, J=7.8 Hz).

(S)-N-[3-[4-[3-(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy)pyrrolidinyl]-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinylmethyllacetamide:

A mixture of the previous compound (1.96 g) in dimethylformamide (20 ml) was treated with sodium azide (455 mg) and warmed at 60°C for over night. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was filtered and the precipitate was washed with dichloromethane. The combined filtrates were concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue obtained was chromatographed over a silica gel column eluting with hexane/acetone (80/20). The appropriate fractions were

combined and concentrated under reduced pressure to give a compound (1.40 g). A solution of this compound in dry tetrahydrofuran (20 ml) was treated with triphenylphosphine (868 mg) and stirred at room temp. for 2 hr. The mixture was treated with water (0.5 ml) and stirred at 40 °C for 4 hr, then at room temperature overnight. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and dried by azeotropic evaporation with toluene. The residue obtained was suspended in dichloromethane (20 ml) and treated with pyridine (0.5 ml) and acetic anhydride (0.6 ml) at 0°C. The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was subjected to a silica gel column eluting with methanol/dichloromethane with increasing in the content of methanol (1% to 3%). The appropriate fractions were pooled and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the title compound (1.502 g);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ),  $\delta$  0.08 (6H, s), 0.88 (9H, s), 1.89-2.09 (2H, m), 2.02 (3H, s), 3.18 (1H, m), 3.36-3.67 (6H, m), 3.71 (1H, dd,  $J$ =6.8, 8.9 Hz), 3.99 (1H, t,  $J$ =8.9 Hz), 4.48 (1H, m), 4.76 (1H, m), 6.20 (1H, broad, NH), 6.61 (1H, t,  $J$ =9.2 Hz), 6.98 (1H, dd,  $J$ =2.4, 9.2 Hz), 7.30 (1H, dd,  $J$ =2.4, 15.1 Hz).

(S)-N-[(3-[4-(3-hydroxypyrrolidinyl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl)methyl]acetamide:

A mixture of the previous compound (1.50 g) in dry tetrahydrofuran (8 ml) was treated with tetrabutylammonium fluoride (6.7 ml; 1.0 M in tetrahydrofuran) at 0 °C and allowed to warm to room temp. with stirring for 4 hr. The mixture was treated with water (50 ml) and extracted with dichloromethane (30 ml x 4). The organic layer unified was washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was subjected to a silica gel column eluting with acetone/hexane (80/20). The appropriate fractions were combined and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the title compound (0.77 g);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ),  $\delta$  1.78-2.00 (2H, m), 1.80 (3H, s), 3.12 (1H, m), 3.26-3.54 (5H, m), 3.67 (1H, dd,  $J$ =6.8, 8.9 Hz), 4.04 (1H, t,  $J$ =8.9 Hz), 4.34 (1H, m), 4.68 (1H, m), 4.91 (1H, d,  $J$ =4.1 Hz, OH), 6.72 (1H, t,  $J$ =9.7 Hz), 7.07 (1H, dd,  $J$ =2.4, 9.7 Hz), 7.38 (1H, dd,  $J$ =2.4, 16.2 Hz), 8.23 (1H, t,  $J$ =5.7 Hz, NH).

EXAMPLE 11: (S)-N-((3-(3-fluoro-4-(3-oxopyrrolidinyl)phenyl)-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl)methyl)acetamide:

7-Benzyl-7-aza-1,4-dioxaspiro(4.5)nonane:

To a suspension of 1-N-benzyl-3-pyrrolidinone (1.92 g) and ethylene glycol (6.81 g) in benzene (70 ml) was added p-toluene sulfonic acid monohydrate (1.93 g).

The mixture was refluxed with azeotropic removal of water by means of a Dean-Stark trap for 6 hr. After cooling to room temp., the mixture was washed with sat. sodium bicarbonate aq. (50 mlx3). The water layer was then extracted with dichloromethane (30 mlx3). The organic layers were unified, washed with brine, 5 dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the title compound (1.57 g);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ),  $\delta$  2.06 (2H, t,  $J=7.3$  Hz), 2.64 (2H, s), 2.66 (2H, t,  $J=7.3$  Hz), 3.61 (2H, s), 3.89 (4H, m), 7.28 (5H, m).

7-Aza-1,4-dioxaspiro(4.5)nonane:

Palladium hydroxide on carbon (20%, 200 mg) was added to a solution of the 10 previous compound (1.57 g) in a mixed solvent of dichloromethane (10 ml) and methanol (20 ml). The mixture was stirred under  $3\text{kgf/cm}^2$  of hydrogen for 2 days, then filtered and the palladium hydroxide on carbon was washed with methanol and dichloromethane. The filtrate combined was concentrated under reduced pressure to give the title compound (1.38 g);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ),  $\delta$  2.17 (2H, t,  $J=7.3$  Hz), 3.35 (2H, s), 3.52 (2H, t,  $J=7.3$  Hz), 3.99 (4H, s).

4-(7-Aza-1,4-dioxaspiro(4.5)nonan-7-yl)-3-fluoronitrobenzene:

Following the general procedure of Example 9 and making non-critical variations but starting with the previous compound (1.38 g), the title compound (1.50 g) was obtained,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ),  $\delta$  2.18 (2H, t,  $J=7.3$  Hz), 3.67 (2H, s), 3.72 (2H, t,  $J=7.3$  Hz), 4.02 (4H, s), 6.53 (1H, t,  $J=7.3$  Hz), 7.88 (1H, dd,  $J=2.4, 14.0$  Hz), 20 7.94 (1H, dd,  $J=2.4, 8.9$  Hz).

4-(7-aza-1,4-dioxaspiro(4.5)nonan-7-yl)-3-fluoro-1-(phenylmethoxycarbonylamino)-benzene:

Following the general procedure of example 9 and making non-critical 25 variations but starting with the previous compound (1.49 g), the title compound (2.44 g) was obtained,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ),  $\delta$  2.16 (2H, t,  $J=6.8$  Hz), 3.41 (2H, t,  $J=6.8$  Hz), 3.46 (2H, s), 3.98 (4H, s), 5.18 (2H, s), 6.60 (1H, t,  $J=9.2$  Hz), 6.91 (1H, dd,  $J=2.4, 9.2$  Hz), 7.22 (1H, dd,  $J=2.4, 14.0$  Hz), 7.37 (5H, m).

(R)-(3-(3-fluoro-4-(7-aza-1,4-dioxaspiro(4.5)nonan-7-yl)phenyl)-2-oxo-5-30 oxazolidinyl)methanol:

A solution of the previous compound (2.44 g) in dry dimethylformamide (25 ml) was cooled to  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  under nitrogen and treated with 6.6 ml (1.0 M in tetrahydrofuran) of lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide with stirring for 5 min. The mixture was treated with 0.93 ml of (R)-(-)-glycidyl butyrate and was allowed to 35 warm slowly to room temp. for over night. Small excess of lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide was quenched by addition of water (5 ml). The mixture was

concentrated under reduced pressure and dried by azeotropic evaporation with toluene. The residue was suspended in dichloromethane (100 ml) and the insoluble material was removed by filtration. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue obtained was then subjected to a silica gel column eluting with hexane/acetone (50/50). The appropriate fractions were pooled and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the title compound (1.79 g);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>),  $\delta$  2.07 (2H, t,  $J=7.3$  Hz), 3.35 (4H, overlapped with signals due to the solvent), 3.50-3.69 (2H, m), 3.78 (1H, dd,  $J=7.3, 9.2$  Hz), 3.92 (4H, s), 4.02 (1H, t,  $J=9.2$  Hz), 4.67 (1H, m), 5.20 (1H, t,  $J=5.9$  Hz, OH), 6.77 (1H, t,  $J=10.3$  Hz), 7.13 (1H, dd,  $J=2.4, 10.3$  Hz), 7.46 (1H, dd,  $J=2.4, 16.2$  Hz).

**(R)-N-((3-(3-fluoro-4-(7-aza-1,4-dioxaspiro(4,5)nonan-7-yl)phenyl)-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl)methyl)azide:**

Following the general procedure of Example 9 and making non-critical variations but starting with the previous compound (1.78 g), the title compound (1.76 g) was obtained,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  2.14 (2H, t,  $J=7.3$  Hz), 2.44 (3H, s), 3.45 (2H, t,  $J=7.3$  Hz), 3.49 (2H, s), 3.73-4.13 (2H, m), 3.98 (4H, s), 4.24 (2H, m), 4.80 (1H, m), 6.60 (1H, t,  $J=9.5$  Hz), 6.96 (1H, dd,  $J=2.4, 9.5$  Hz), 7.23 (1H, dd, 2.4, 14.6 Hz), 7.36 (2H, d,  $J=7.8$  Hz), 7.78 (2H, d,  $J=7.8$  Hz).

**(R)-N-((3-(3-fluoro-4-(7-aza-1,4-dioxaspiro(4,5)nonan-7-yl)phenyl)-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl)methyl)acetamide:**

Following the general procedure of Example 9 and making non-critical variations, Lindlar catalyst (150 mg) was then added to a mixture of the previous compound (17) (1.45 g) in a mixed solvent of dichloromethane (10 ml) and methanol (40 ml). The mixture was stirred under an atmospheric press. of hydrogen for 2 days, then filtered and the catalyst was washed with methanol and dichloromethane. The filtrate combined was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue obtained was suspended in dichloromethane (20 ml) and treated with pyridine (0.3 ml) and acetic anhydride (0.7 ml) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at room temp. for over night and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was subjected to a silica gel column eluting with methanol/dichloromethane with increasing in the content of methanol (2% to 5%). The appropriate fractions were pooled and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the title compound (0.72 g);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  2.01 (3H, s), 2.16 (2H, t,  $J=7.3$  Hz), 3.43 (2H, t,  $J=7.3$  Hz), 3.47 (2H, s),

3.53-3.67 (2H, m), 3.71 (1H, dd,  $J=6.8, 9.2$  Hz), 3.98 (5H, m), 4.75 (1H, m), 6.27 (1H, broad), 6.61 (1H, t,  $J=9.2$  Hz), 6.99 (1H, dd,  $J=2.4, 9.2$  Hz), 7.33 (1H, dd,  $J=2.4, 15.1$  Hz).

(S)-N-((3-(3-fluoro-4-(3-oxopyrrolidinyl)phenyl)-2-oxo-5-

5 oxazolidinyl)methyl)acetamide:

A mixture of the previous compound (610 mg) in acetone (12 ml) and water (3.7 ml) was treated with p-toluene sulfonic acid monohydrate (609 mg) and refluxed for 3 hours. After cooling to room temp., the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was treated with 5 ml of triethylamine and extracted 10 with dichloromethane (30 mlx5). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue obtained was subjected to a silica gel column eluting with hexane/acetone (50/50). The appropriate fractions were combined and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the title compound (390 mg);  $^1$ H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  2.03 (3H, s), 2.65 15 (2H, t,  $J=6.8$  Hz), 3.47-3.78 (7H, m), 4.02 (1H, t,  $J=8.9$  Hz), 4.76 (1H, m), 6.18 (1H, t,  $J=5.9$  Hz, NH), 6.77 (1H, t,  $J=9.2$  Hz), 7.09 (1H, dd,  $J=2.4, 9.2$  Hz), 7.43 (1H, dd,  $J=2.4, 15.1$  Hz).

EXAMPLE 12: (S)-N-((3-(3-Fluoro-4-(3-(phenylmethoxyacetylamo)-  
20 pyrrolidinyl)phenyl)-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl)methyl)acetamide

Step 1: 3-Fluoro-1-nitro-4-(3-trifluoroacetylamo)pyrrolidinylbenzene

A solution of 4.49g(20.54mmol) of 3-(trifluoroacetylamo)pyrrolidine hydrochloride and 2.97g(18.68mmol) of 3,4-difluoronitrobenzene and 25 7.16g(41.10mmol) of dibasic potassium phosphate in 87mL DMSO was warmed at 90°C for 18h. The mixture was cooled and diluted with 300mL of ethyl acetate. The solution was extracted with water (5 x 100mL) and dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>). Concentration *in vacuo* afforded a yellow solid which was recrystallized from hot ethyl acetate-hexane to afford 5.0g(84%) of the title product as a yellow crystalline solid, mp 165-167°C.

30 Step 2: 3-Fluoro-1-(phenylmethoxycarbonyl)amino-4-(3-trifluoroacetylamo)pyrrolidinylbenzene

A solution of 4.10g(12.76mmol) of the nitro compound in 100mL ethyl acetate was treated with 500mg of 10% palladium on carbon, followed by hydrogenation at atmospheric pressure for 4hours. The mixture was filtered through celite washing 35 the filter cake with ethyl acetate. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue was dissolved in 50mL acetone and treated with 75mL saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>

solution followed by cooling to 0°C and treatment with 4.36g(3.64mL, 25.53mmol) of benzyl chloroformate. The solution was then warmed to ambient temperature for 18h. The mixture was diluted with 200ml ethyl acetate and was extracted with water (2 x 50mL) followed by drying (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>). Concentration *in vacuo* afforded a 5 beige solid which was recrystallized from hot ethyl acetate-hexane to afford 4.41g(81%) of the title cbz derivative as faint beige needles, mp 143-145°C.

**Step 3:** 3-Fluoro-1-(phenylmethoxycarbonyl)amino-4-(3-(1,3-dimethylhexahydro-2-oxo-1,3,5-triazin-5-yl)pyrrolidinyl)benzene

A solution of 1.86g(4.37mmol) of the Cbz derivative in 36mL THF was treated 10 with 50mL of 2N NaOH solution followed by warming at reflux for 36h. The solution was cooled and diluted with 50mL water followed by extraction with ethyl acetate (4 x 75mL). The combined organic layers were extracted with saturated NaCl solution followed by drying (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentration *in vacuo*. The amber oil obtained was dissolved in 20mL dioxane and 40mL toluene and the resulting 15 solution treated with 385mg(4.37mmol) of N, N'-dimethylurea and 5mL of 37% aqueous formaldehyde solution. The mixture was warmed at reflux until ca. 5ml water had collected in a Dean-Stark trap. The solution was cooled and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was chromatographed over 180g of 230-400 mesh silica gel, eluting with 2%(v/v) methanol in dichloromethane. These procedures afforded 20 1.40g(73%) of the title product as fine white crystals, mp 192-194°C.

**Step 4:** (R)-3-(3-Fluoro-4-(3-(1,3-dimethylhexahydro-2-oxo-1,3,5-triazin-5-yl)pyrrolidinyl)phenyl)-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl)methanol

A solution of 737mg(1.67mmol) of the triazone in 10mL DMF at -50°C was treated with 1.84mL(1.84mmol) of lithium hexamethyldisilazide in THF. The 25 solution was stirred at -50°C for 5min, followed by addition of 265mg(0.26mL, 1.84mmol) of (R)-(+)glycidyl butyrate. The solution was then warmed to ambient temperature for 18h. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* (ca. 0. 3mmHg) and the residue was chromatographed over 36g of 230-400mesh silica gel, eluting with 3%(v/v) methanol in dichloromethane. These procedures afforded 400mg(59%) of the 30 title product as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ7.36, 7.05, 6.65, 4.72, 4.27, 4.18, 3.95, 3.77, 3.46, 2.88, 2.17, 1.94.

**Step 5:** (R)-(3-(3-Fluoro-4-(3-(1,3-dimethylhexahydro-2-oxo-1,3,5-triazin-5-yl)pyrrolidinyl)phenyl)-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl)methanesulfonate

A solution of 395mg(0.97mmol) of the oxazolidinone, and 146mg(0.20mL, 35 1.45mmol) of triethylamine in 5mL dichloromethane at 0°C was treated with 471mg(0.32mL) of methanesulfonyl chloride. The solution was stirred at 0°C for 30

minutes, followed by warming to ambient temperature. The solution was treated with water and the aqueous layer extracted with dichloromethane. The combined organic layers were dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford 460mg(98%) of the title product as an off-white solid suitable for use in the next step.  $^1\text{H}$

5 NMR( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 87.33, 7.03, 6.63, 4.89, 4.45, 4.27, 4.18, 4.12, 3.89, 3.76, 3.55, 3.47, 3.38, 3.10, 2.88, 2.16, 2.08, 1.92.

**Step 6:** (S)-N-((3-(3-Fluoro-4-(3-(phenylmethoxyacetyl)amino)pyrrolidinyl)phenyl)-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl)methyl)acetamide

A solution of 460mg(0.97mmol) of the mesylate in 15mL of isopropyl alcohol and 15mL ammonium hydroxide in a sealed tube was warmed at 100°C for 18hours. The mixture was cooled and diluted with water followed by extraction with chloroform. The organic layer was dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in 4mL pyridine and treated with 0.5ml acetic anhydride followed by stirring at ambient temperature for 18hours. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to afford an oil which was dissolved in chloroform and extracted with water. The organic layer was dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford 472mg of the acetamide derivative, which was directly dissolved in 4mL of 1N HCL solution followed by stirring at ambient temperature for 18hours. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and dissolved in 4mL acetone and treated with 2mL of saturated  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution followed by treatment with 217mg(0.14mL, 1.18mmol) of benzyloxyacetyl chloride, followed by stirring at ambient temperature for 1h. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue was chromatographed over 25g of 230-400 mesh silica gel, eluting with 2%(v/v) methanol in dichloromethane and then with 3%(v/v) methanol in dichloromethane. These 20 procedures afforded 189mg(40%) of the benzyloxyacetamide derivative product as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 87.33, 7.02, 6.81, 6.68, 6.08, 4.75, 4.60, 4.01, 3.71, 3.61, 3.34, 2.32, 2.02, 1.91.

**EXAMPLE 13:** (S)-N-((3-(3-Fluoro-4-(3-(hydroxyacetyl)amino)pyrrolidinyl)phenyl)-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl)methyl)acetamide

Continuing from the procedure of Example 12, Step 6, a solution of 189mg(0.39mmol) of the benzyloxyacetamide in 5mL methanol and 5mL THF was treated with 200mg of 10% palladium on carbon followed by hydrogenation at atmospheric pressure for 1h. The solution was diluted with methanol and filtered 30 through celite, washing the filter cake with methanol. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to afford an oil, which was chromatographed over 10g of 230-400 mesh

silica gel, eluting with 7%(v/v) methanol in dichloromethane. These procedures afforded 95mg(62%) of the hydroxyacetamide derivative product as a pink solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 87.41, 7.10, 6.78, 4.77, 4.53, 4.10, 4.00, 3.77, 3.57, 3.32, 2.30, 1.99, 1.98.

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**EXAMPLE 14:** (S)-N-[[3-Fluoro-4-(*cis*-3-(methoxycarbonylamino)-4-methylpyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methylacetamide:

**Step 1:** *cis*-3-(1,1-dimethylethoxycarbonylamino)-4-methylpyrrolidine

A solution of 1.5g(5.2mmol) of *cis*-1-phenylmethyl-3-(1,1-dimethylethoxycarbonylamino)-4-methylpyrrolidine (cf. US 4,753,953) in 50mL methanol was treated with 200mg of Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C followed by hydrogenation under 1 atmosphere of H<sub>2</sub> for 3.5h. The mixture was filtered through celite, washing the filter cake with methanol. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo to afford a colorless oil, which was used directly in the next step. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ 4.85, 4.03, 3.14, 3.05, 2.66, 2.45, 2.23, 1.46, 0.95.

**Step 2:** 3-Fluoro-1-nitro-4-[*cis*-3-(1,1-dimethylethoxycarbonylamino)-4-methylpyrrolidinyl]benzene

A solution of the previously obtained compound and 1.8g(10.3mmol) of dibasic potassium phosphate in 40mL DMSO was warmed at 90°C for 18h. The mixture was cooled and diluted with 125mL ethyl acetate, followed by extraction with water (4 x 75mL). The organic layer was dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo to afford 1.75g of a yellow solid, sufficiently pure for further use. MS (EI) *m/z* 339 (M<sup>+</sup>), 339, 282, 266, 223, 222, 208, 207, 154, 70, 57.

**Step 3:** 3-Fluoro-1-nitro-[*cis*-3-(1,3-dimethylhexahydro-2-oxo-1,3,5-triazin-5-yl)-4-methylpyrrolidinyl]benzene

A solution of 1.75g(5.17mmol) of the previous compound in 50mL trifluoroacetic acid was stirred at ambient temperature for 18h. The solution was concentrated in vacuo and the red-brown oil obtained was dissolved in ethyl acetate and extracted cautiously with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (4 x). The combined aqueous layers were extracted with ethyl acetate, and the combined organic layers were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in 90mL toluene and 45mL dioxane and treated with 1.12g(12.7mmol) of N, N'-dimethylurea and 35mL aqueous formaldehyde, followed by warming at reflux for 2.5h. The mixture was cooled and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed over 200g of 230-400 mesh silica gel, eluting with 1-2%(v/v) methanol in chloroform.

These procedures afforded 3.65g(86%) of the desired product as an oily yellow solid.

MS (EI)  $m/z$  351 (M+), 223, 222, 221, 208, 207, 182, 169, 154, 130, 113.

**Step 4:** 3-Fluoro-1-(phenylmethoxycarbonyl)amino-[cis-3-(1,3-dimethylhexahydro-2-oxo-1,3,5-triazin-5-yl)-4-methylpyrrolidinyl]benzene

5 A solution of 1.82g(5.17mmol) of in 200mL THF was treated with 750mg of 10% palladium on carbon, followed by hydrogenation under 45psi of hydrogen pressure for 3h. The mixture was cooled to -20°C followed by addition of 30mL saturated  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution. The mixture was then treated with 1.10g(0.92mL, 10 6.46mmol) of benzyl chloroformate, followed by warming to ambient temperature for 18h. The mixture was filtered through celite, washing the filter cake with methanol and dichloromethane. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo and the residue was dissolved in dichloromethane and extracted with water (3 x 30mL). Drying (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentration in vacuo afforded a purple foam which was

15 chromatographed over 125g of 230-300 mesh silica gel, eluting with 1-5% methanol in dichloromethane. These procedures afforded 1.74g(74%) of the title compound as a rigid foam. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.34, 6.92, 6.53, 5.18, 4.19, 4.13, 3.69, 3.58, 3.52, 3.41, 3.15, 2.86, 2.37, 1.05.

**Step 5:** (R)-(3-(3-Fluoro-4-(cis-3-(1,3-dimethylhexahydro-2-oxo-1,3,5-triazin-5-yl)-4-methylpyrrolidinyl)phenyl)-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl)methanol

20 A solution of 860mg(1.89mmol) of the previous compound in 25mL THF at -78°C was treated with 1.3mL(2.08mmol) of n-butyllithium in hexane, followed by warming to -50°C. After stirring at -50°C for 20 minutes, 286mg(0.28mL, 1.98mmol) of (R)-(--)-glycidyl butyrate was added. The mixture was warmed to 0°C for 30 25 minutes and then to ambient temperature for 18h. The mixture was treated with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution and was diluted with ethyl acetate and then extracted with water (3 x). The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate and the combined organic layers were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo to afford a brown oil. This material was chromatographed over 40g of 230-400 mesh silica gel, 30 eluting with methanol in dichloromethane. These procedures afforded 512mg(64%) of the title compound as a white rigid foam. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.35, 7.03, 6.60, 4.72, 4.22, 4.14, 3.94, 3.75, 3.70, 3.60, 3.54, 3.43, 3.18, 2.87, 2.39, 1.05.

**Step 6:** (R)-(3-(3-Fluoro-4-(cis-3-(1,3-dimethylhexahydro-2-oxo-1,3,5-triazin-5-yl)-4-methylpyrrolidinyl)phenyl)-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl)methanesulfonyloxymethane

35 A solution of 1g(2.37mmol) of the previous compound and 480mg(0.66mL,

4.74mmol) of triethylamine in 15mL dichloromethane at 0°C was treated with 407mg(0.28mL, 3.56mmol) of methanesulfonyl chloride. The solution was stirred at 0°C for 1.5h, followed by warming, dilution with dichloromethane and extraction with water (3 x). The organic layer was dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and concentrated in vacuo to afford the title compound.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.45, 7.02, 6.92, 4.92, 4.50 (, 1 H), 4.43, 4.23, 4.17, 3.91, 3.83, 3.65, 3.50, 3.29, 3.11, 2.89, 2.48, 1.12.

5 **Step 7:** (S)-(N)-((3-Fluoro-4-(cis-3-(1,3-dimethylhexahydro-2-oxo-1,3,5-triazin-5-yl)-4-methylpyrrolidinyl)phenyl)-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl)methylacetamide

A solution of the previous mesylate in 6mL THF and 6mL isopropyl alcohol 10 was treated with 6mL of concentrated ammonium hydroxide. The mixture was warmed at 100°C in a sealed tube for 48h. The mixture was cooled and diluted with ethyl acetate and water. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x). The mixture was treated with saturated  $\text{NaCl}$  solution and then extracted with chloroform (3 x). The combined organic layers were dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and 15 concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in 15mL pyridine and cooled to 0°C. The solution was treated with 0.5mL acetic anhydride, followed by warming to ambient temperature for 20h. The mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the residue was chromatographed over 75g of 230-400 mesh silica gel eluting with methanol in dichloromethane. These procedures afforded 934mg(85%) of the title 20 compound as a white rigid foam. MS (FAB)  $m/z$  463 (M+H), 464, 463, 462, 461, 364, 363, 361, 333, 101, 44.

25 **Step 8:** (S)-(N)-((3-Fluoro-4-(cis-3-amino-4-methylpyrrolidinyl)phenyl)-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl)methylacetamide

A solution of 875mg(1.89mmol) of the previous compound in 5mL of 2N HCl 30 solution was stirred at ambient temperature for 20h. The solution was concentrated in vacuo, and the residue was dried by azeotroping with toluene. These procedures afforded 662mg(ca. 100%) of the title compound as an amber rigid foam. MS (FAB)  $m/z$  351 (M+H), 427, 352, 351, 350, 349, 255, 123, 101, 89, 44. HRMS (FAB) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{23}\text{FN}_4\text{O}_3+\text{H}_1$  351.1832, found 351.1840.

**Step 9:** (S)-N-((3-Fluoro-4-(cis-3-(methoxycarbonylamino)-4-methylpyrrolidinyl)phenyl)-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl)methylacetamide

A solution of 150mg(0.43mmol) of the previous compound in 6mL acetone and 3mL water was treated with 108mg(1.29mmol) of  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  and cooled to 0°C. The solution was then treated with 89mg(73 $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.95mmol) of methyl chloroformate. The 35 solution was then diluted with ethyl acetate and extracted with water (3 x). Drying ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and concentration in vacuo afforded a white solid, which was subjected to

radial chromatography on a 2mm chromatotron plate, eluting with methanol in dichloromethane. These procedures afforded 155mg(53%) of the title compound as a white solid. MS (EI)  $m/z$  408 (M $+$ ), 409, 408, 364, 334, 333, 318, 289, 276, 215, 56.

5 EXAMPLE 15: (S)-N-[[3-Fluoro-4-(*cis*-3-(hydroxymethylamino)-4-

methylpyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinylmethylacetamide;

Step 1: (S)-N-[[3-Fluoro-4-(*cis*-3-(phenylmethoxyacetylamino)-4-

methylpyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinylmethylacetamide

A solution of 300mg(0.90mmol) of the amine (Example 14, Step 8) in 14mL

10 acetone and 7mL water was treated with 302mg(3.60mmol) of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and cooled to 0°C. The solution was then treated with 414mg(0.35mL, 2.25mmol) of benzyloxyacetyl chloride, followed by warming to ambient temperature for 72h. The mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and water and the organic layer was extracted with water (3 x). The organic layer was dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated 15 in vacuo to afford a brown oil. This material was chromatographed over 30g of 230-400 mesh silica gel, eluting with methanol in dichloromethane. These procedures afforded 132mg(30%) of the title compound as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.57, 7.36, 7.03, 5.98, 4.77, 4.67, 4.63, 4.04, 3.74, 3.70, 3.63, 3.55, 3.45, 3.38, 2.71, 2.03, 1.07.

20 Step 2: (S)-N-[[3-Fluoro-4-(*cis*-3-(hydroxymethylamino)-4-

methylpyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinylmethylacetamide

A solution of 107mg(0.21mmol) of the previous compound in 25mL methanol was treated with 100mg of 10% palladium on carbon followed by hydrogenation at one atmosphere for 72h. The mixture was filtered through celite, and the filtrate 25 was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was subjected to radial chromatography on a 2mm chromatotron plate, eluting with methanol in dichloromethane. These procedures afforded 24mg(8%) of the title compound as a light beige solid. MS (EI)  $m/z$  408 (M $+$ ), 408, 334, 333, 318, 289, 215, 70, 57, 56, 55.

30 EXAMPLE 16: (S)-N-[[3-Fluoro-4-(*cis*-3-(methanesulfonylamino)-4-

methylpyrrolidinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinylmethylacetamide;

A slurry of 200mg(0.57mmol) of the amine (Example 14, Step 8) in 10mL dichloromethane was treated with 144mg(0.20mL, 1.43mmol) of triethylamine, followed by cooling of the resulting solution to 0°C. The mixture was treated with 35 83mg(56μL, 0.73mmol) of methanesulfonyl chloride, followed by warming at ambient temperature for 18h. The mixture was diluted with 50mL ethyl acetate, followed by

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extraction with water (3 x 30mL). The organic layer was dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and concentrated in vacuo to afford an off-white solid, which was subjected to radial chromatography on a 2mm chromatotron plate, eluting with methanol in dichloromethane. These procedures afforded 11mg(45%) of the title compound as a white solid. MS (EI)  $m/z$  428 (M+), 429, 428, 384, 300, 280, 238, 236, 177, 70, 56.

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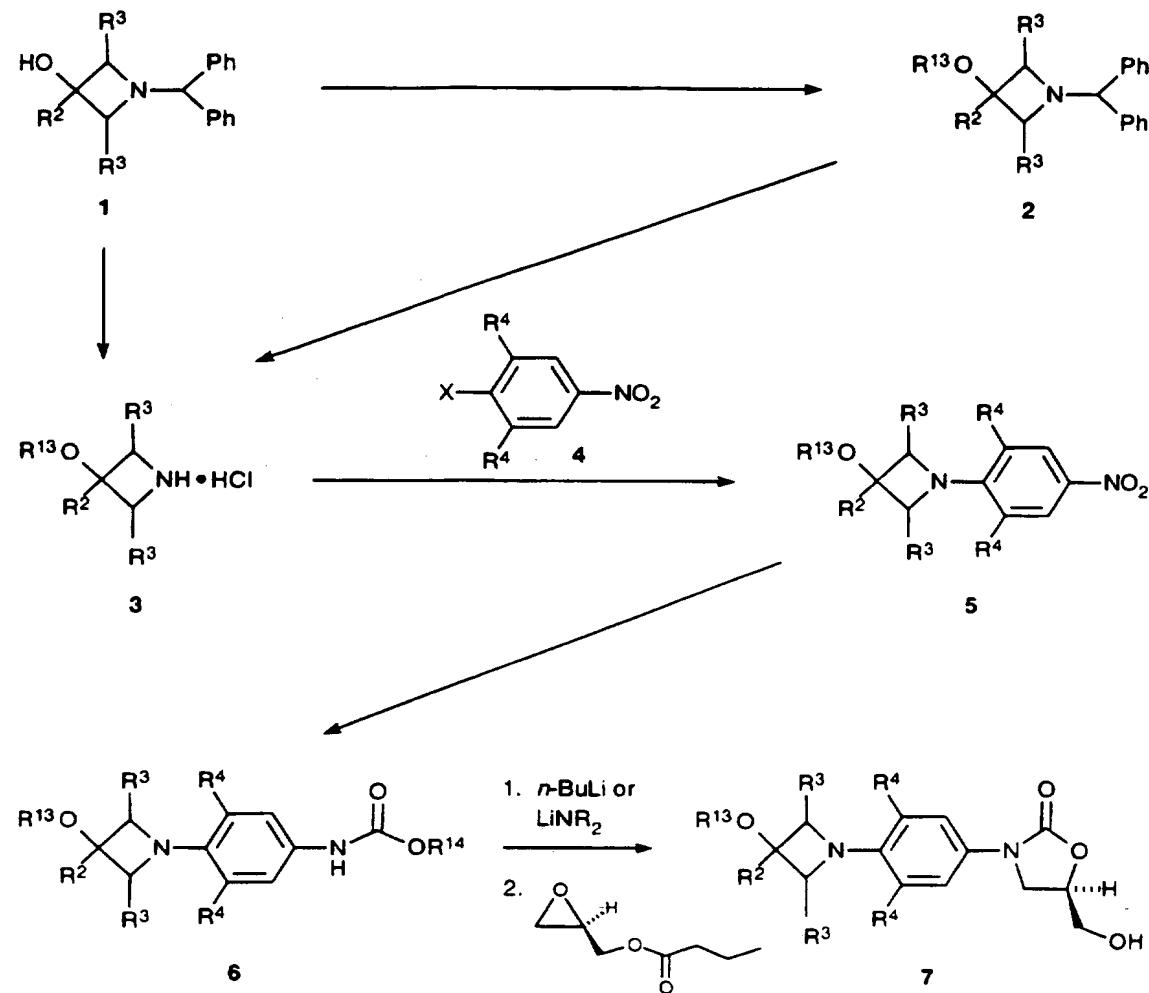
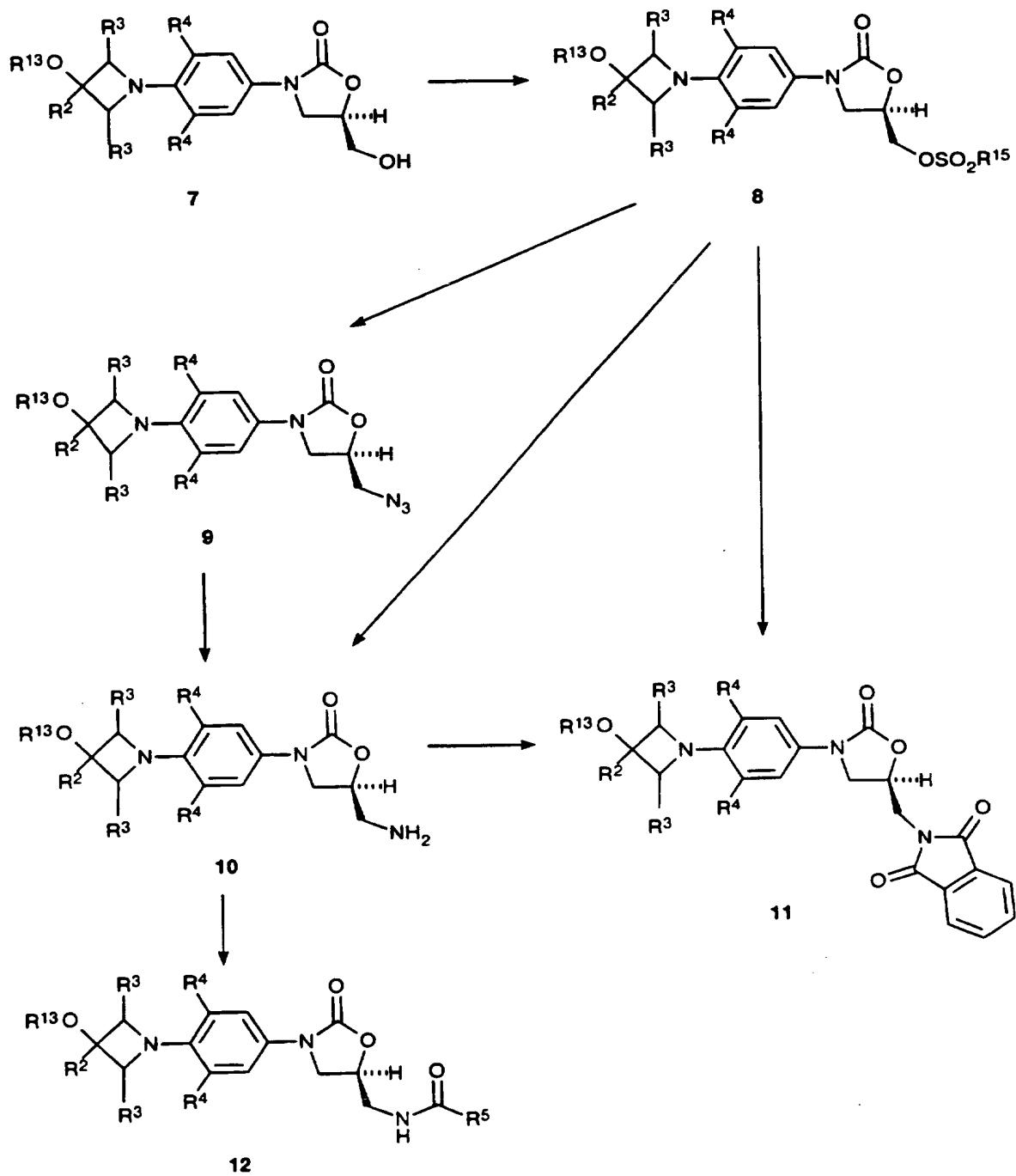


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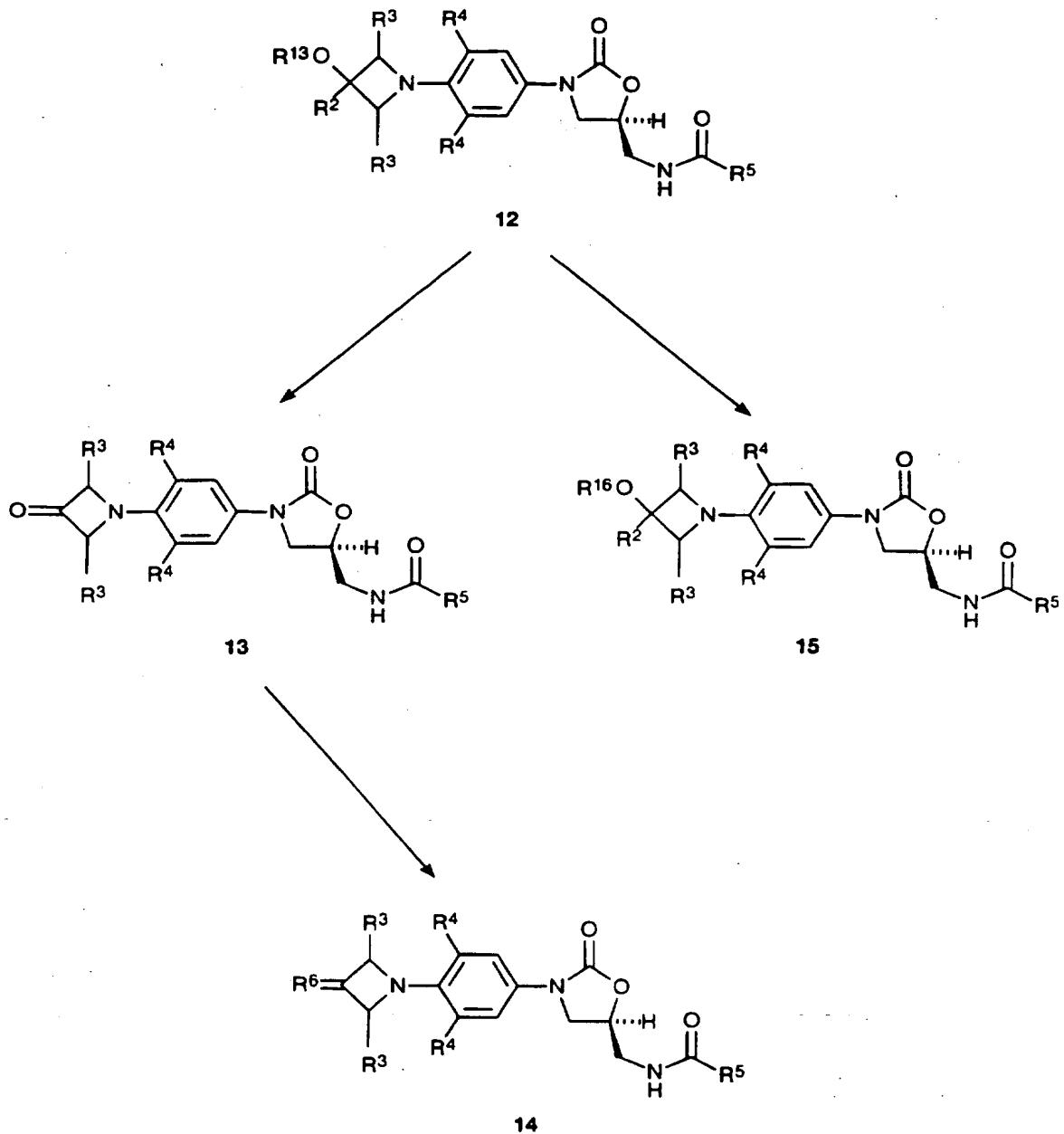


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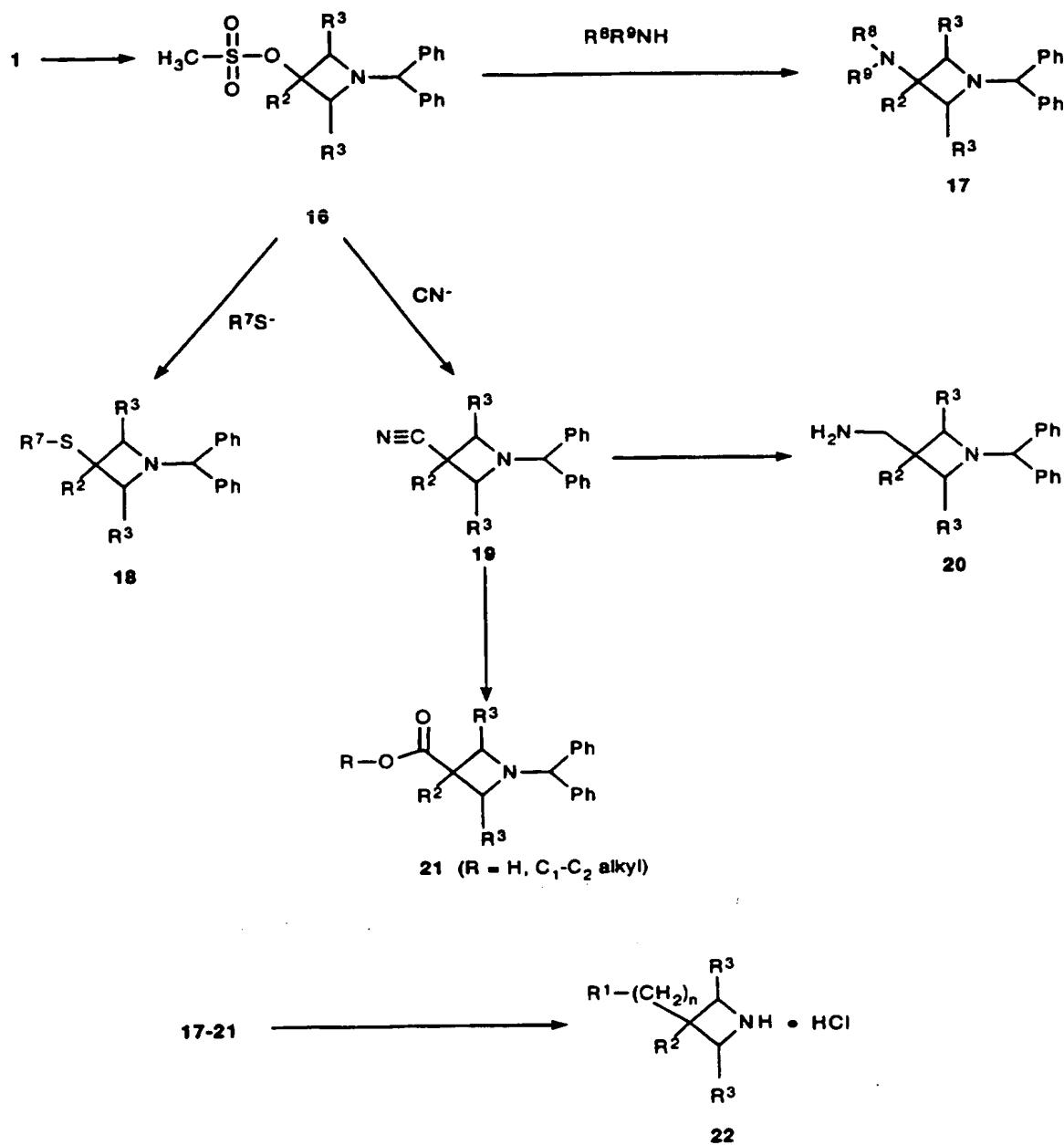


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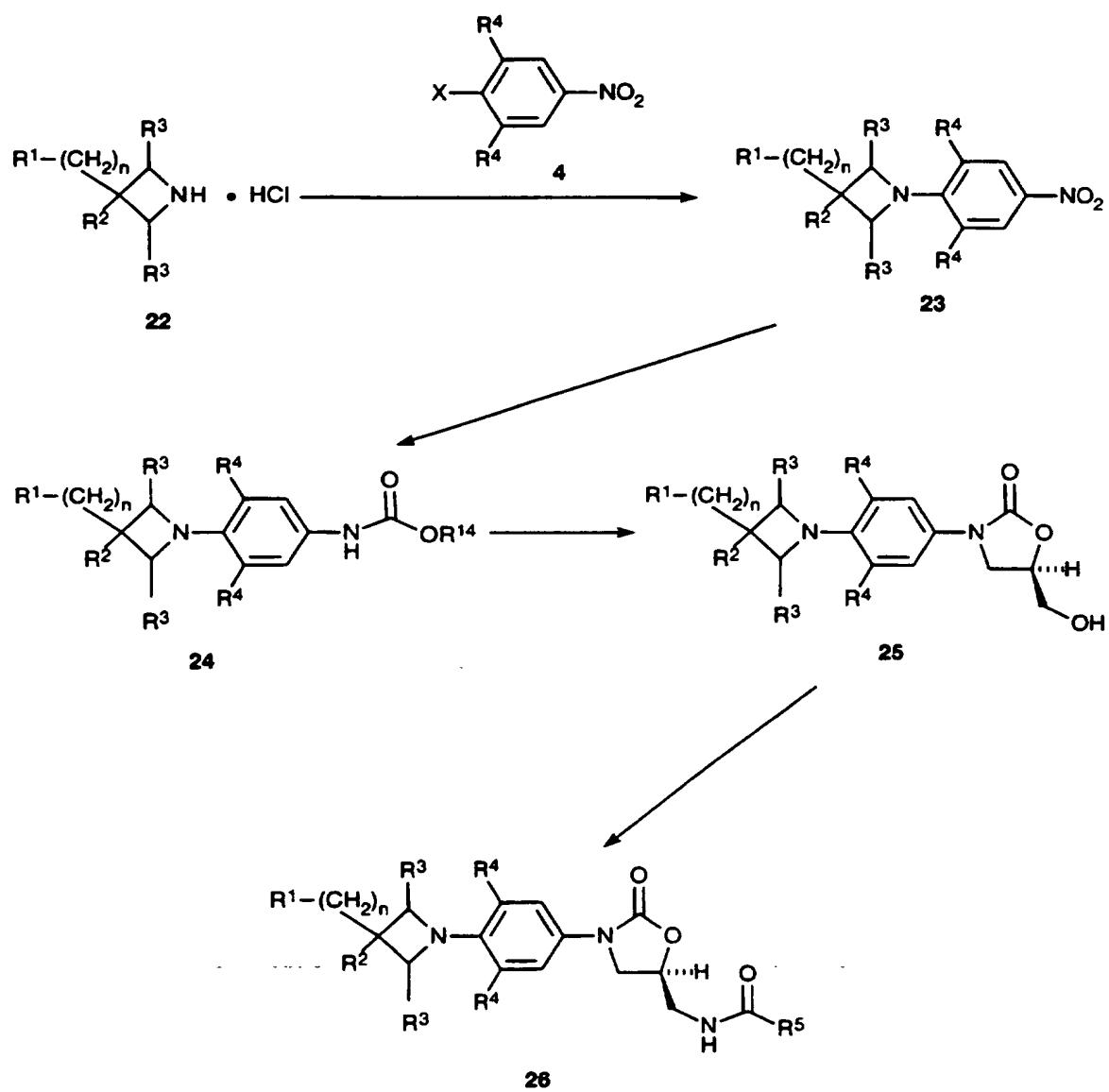
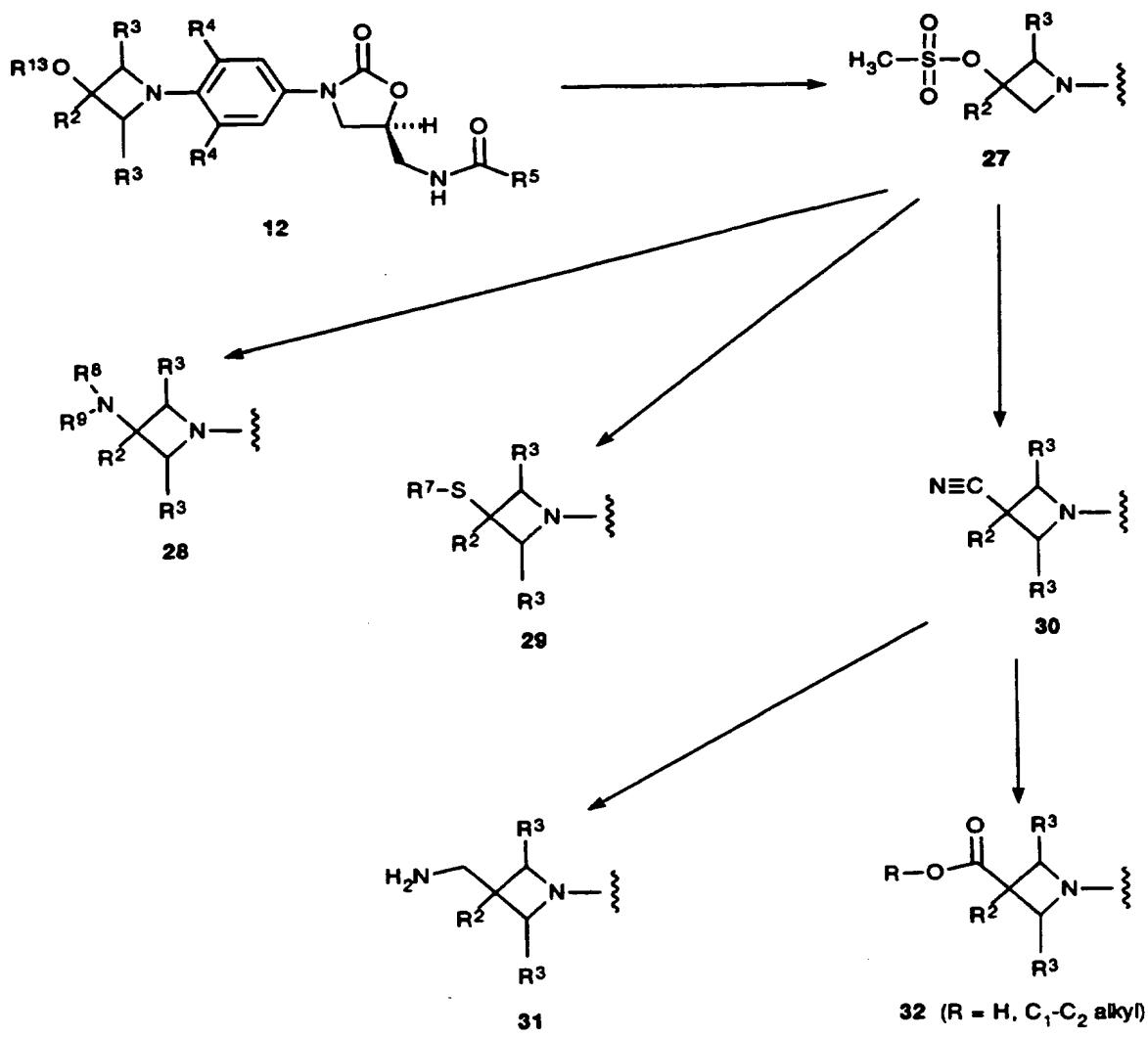
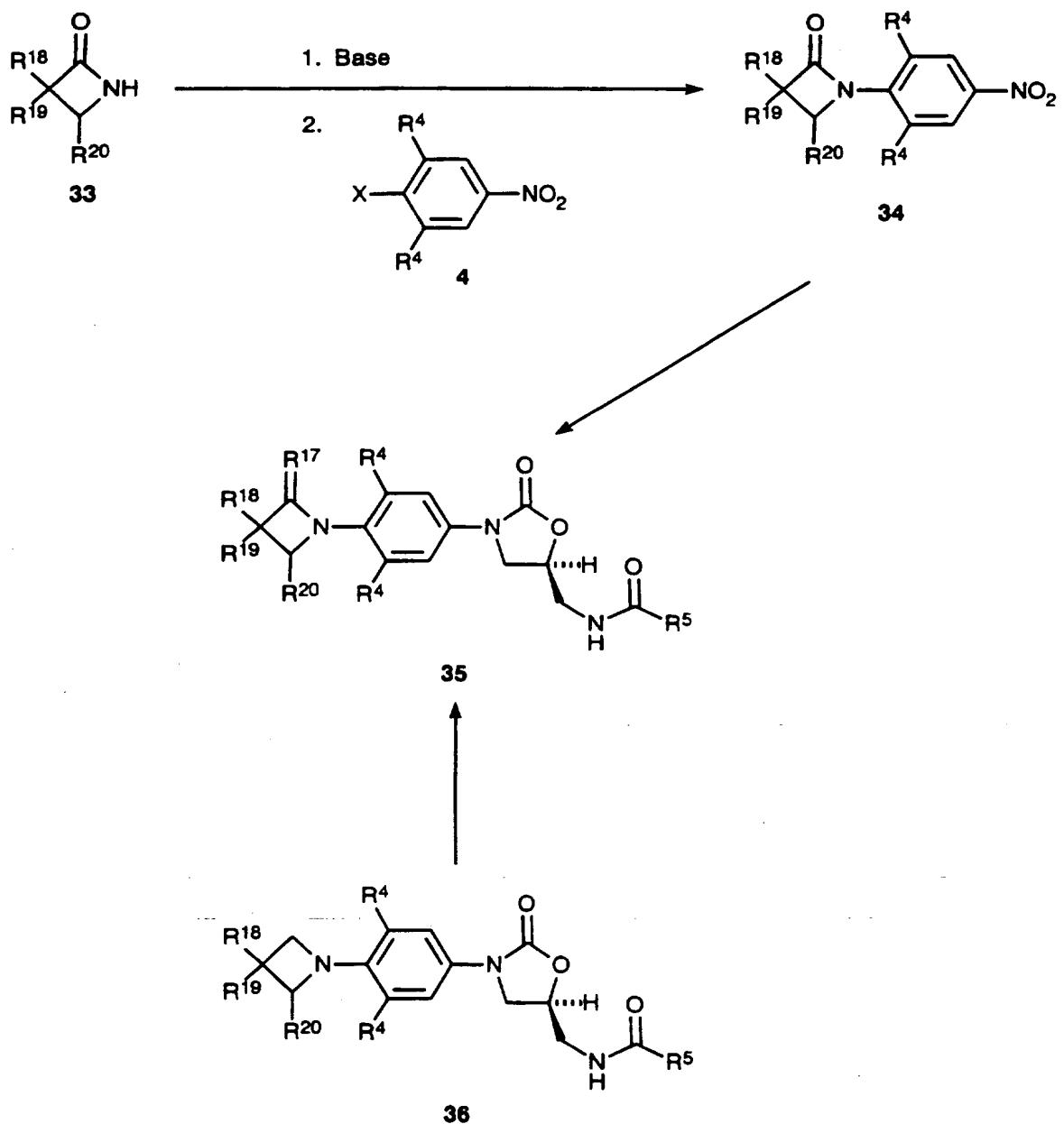


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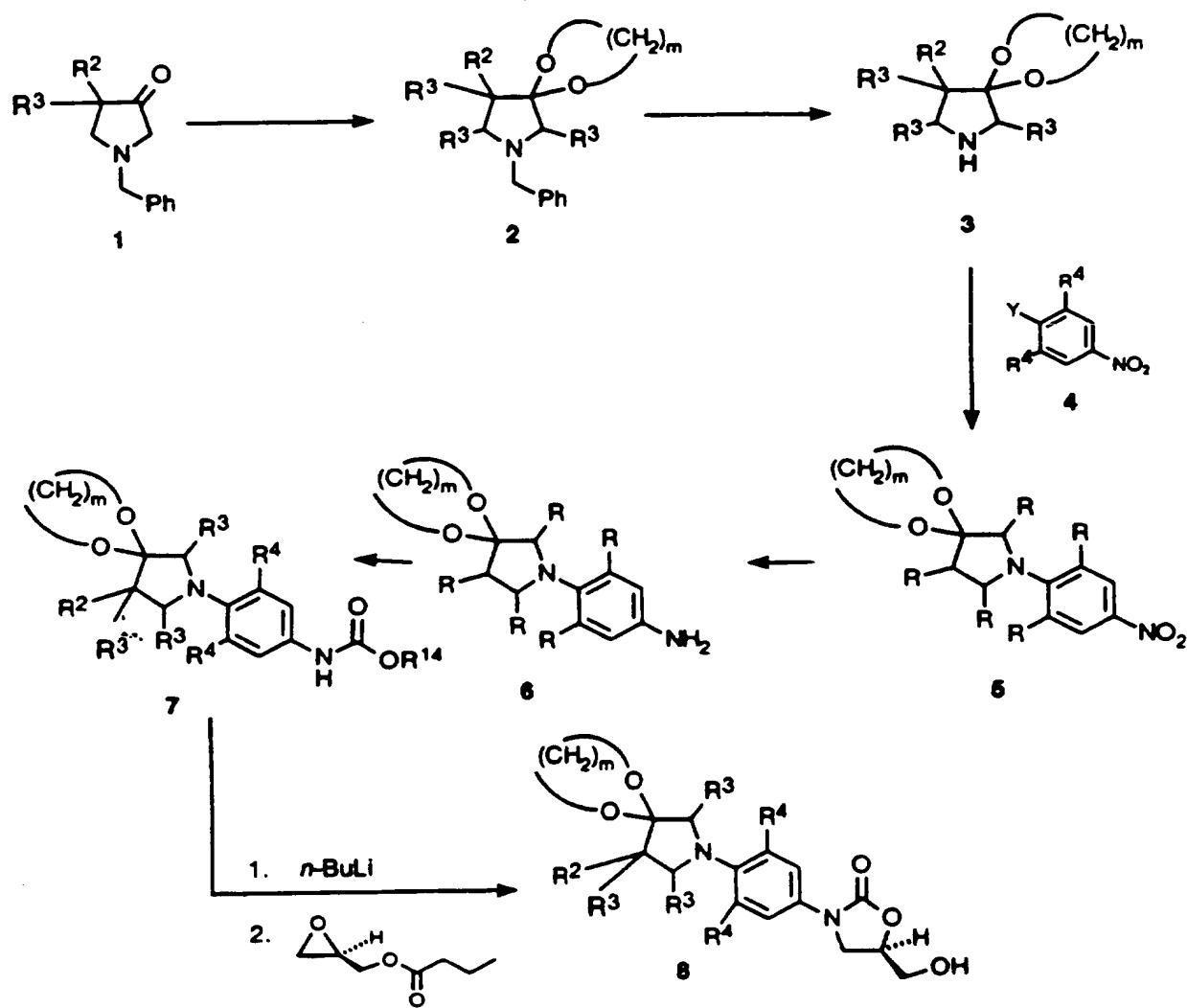
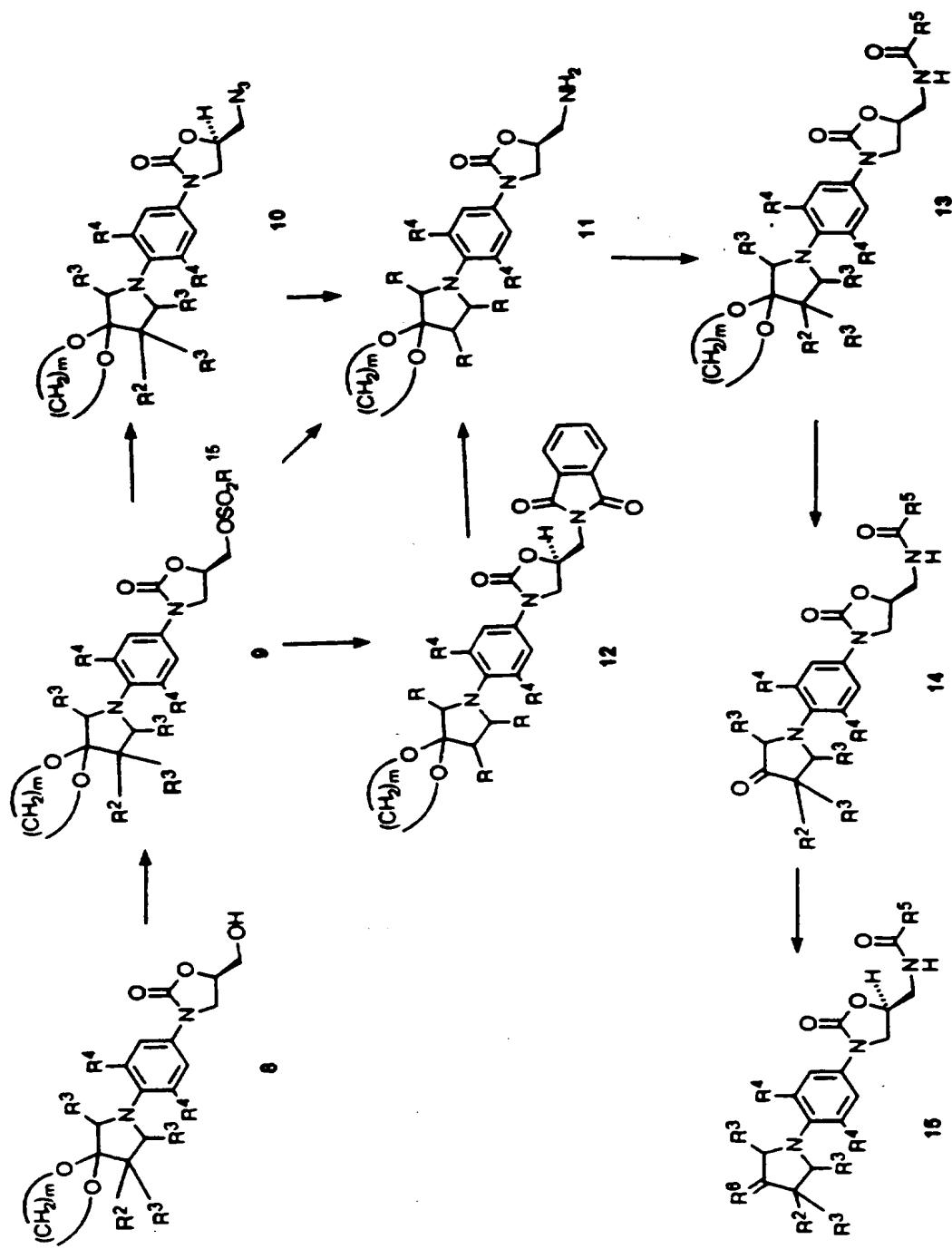
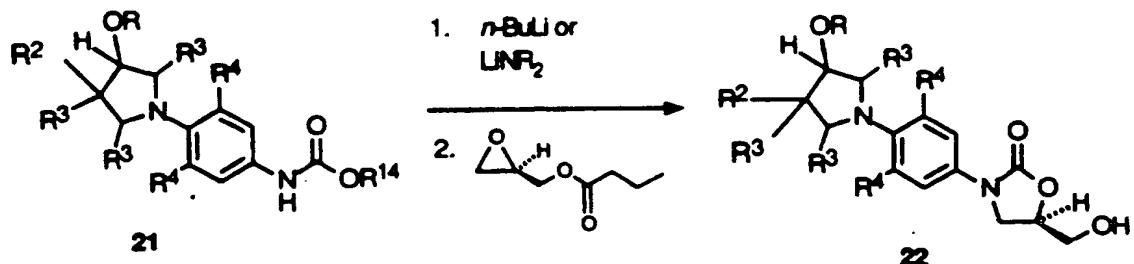
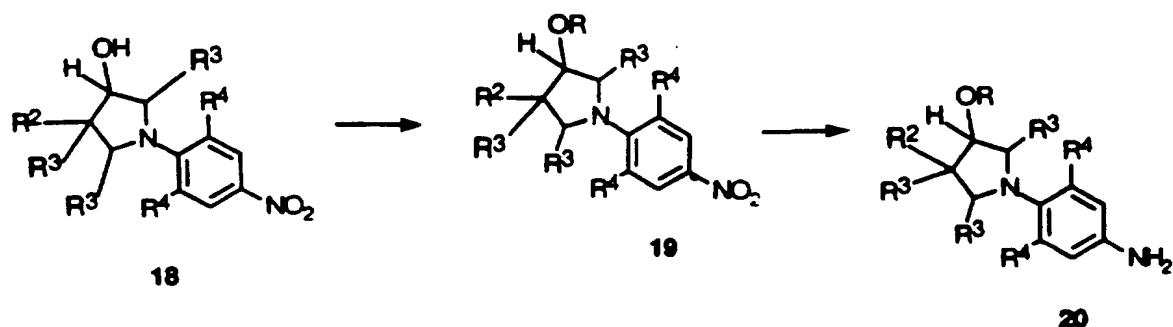
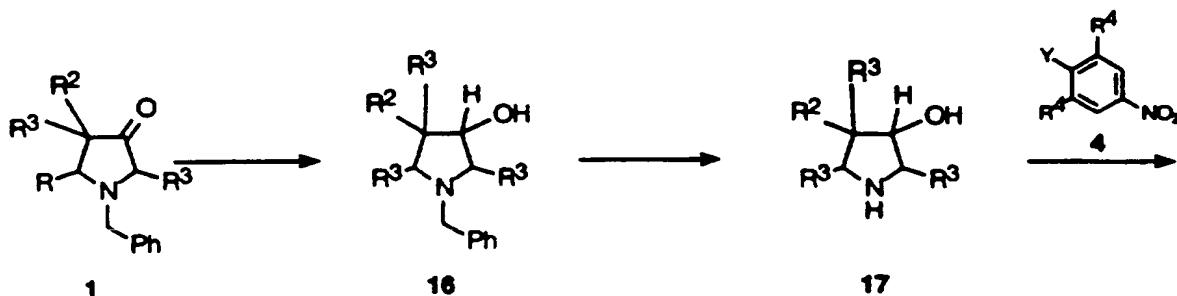


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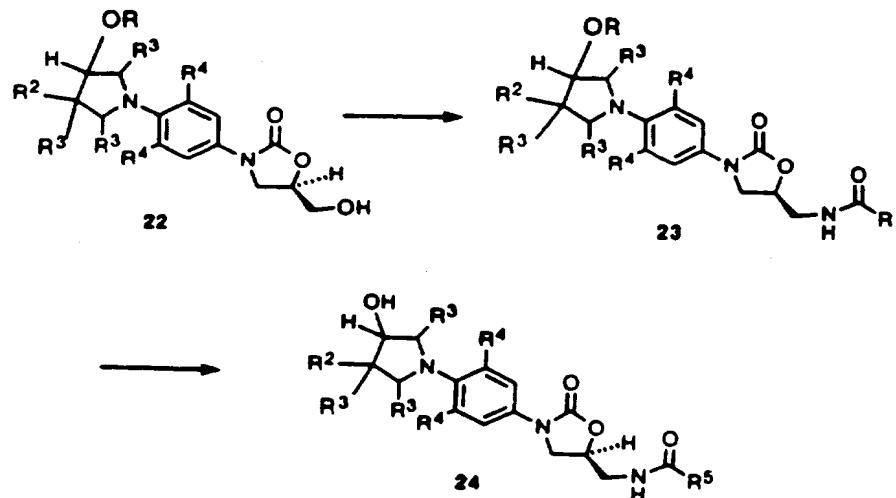
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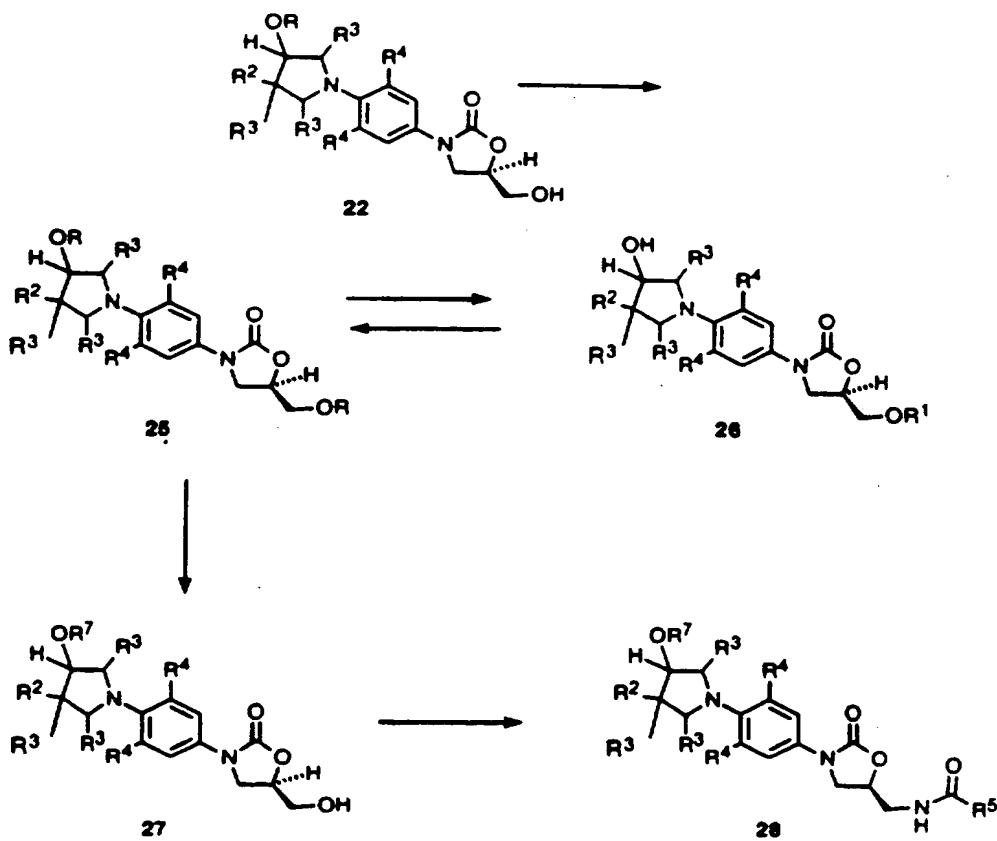


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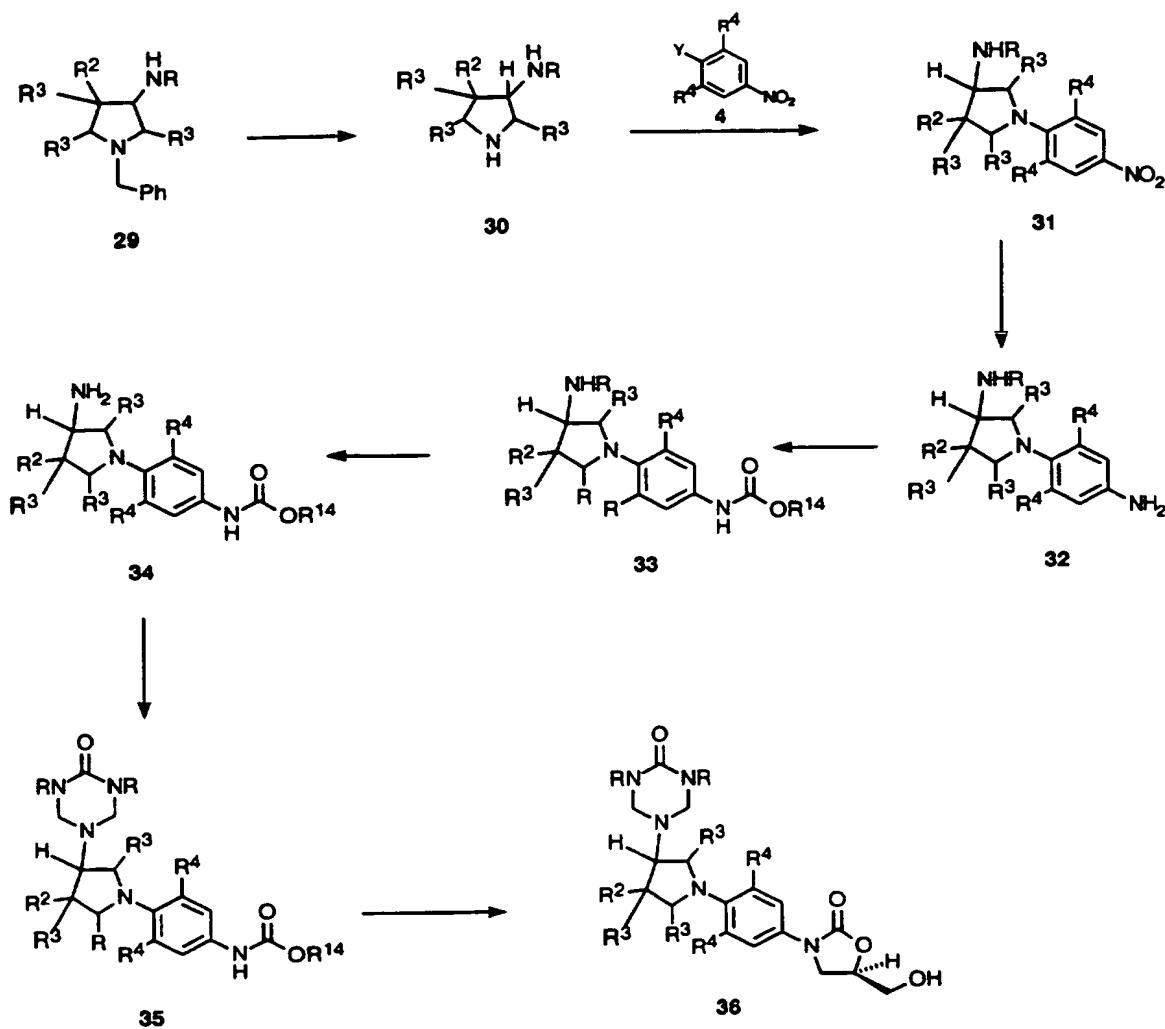
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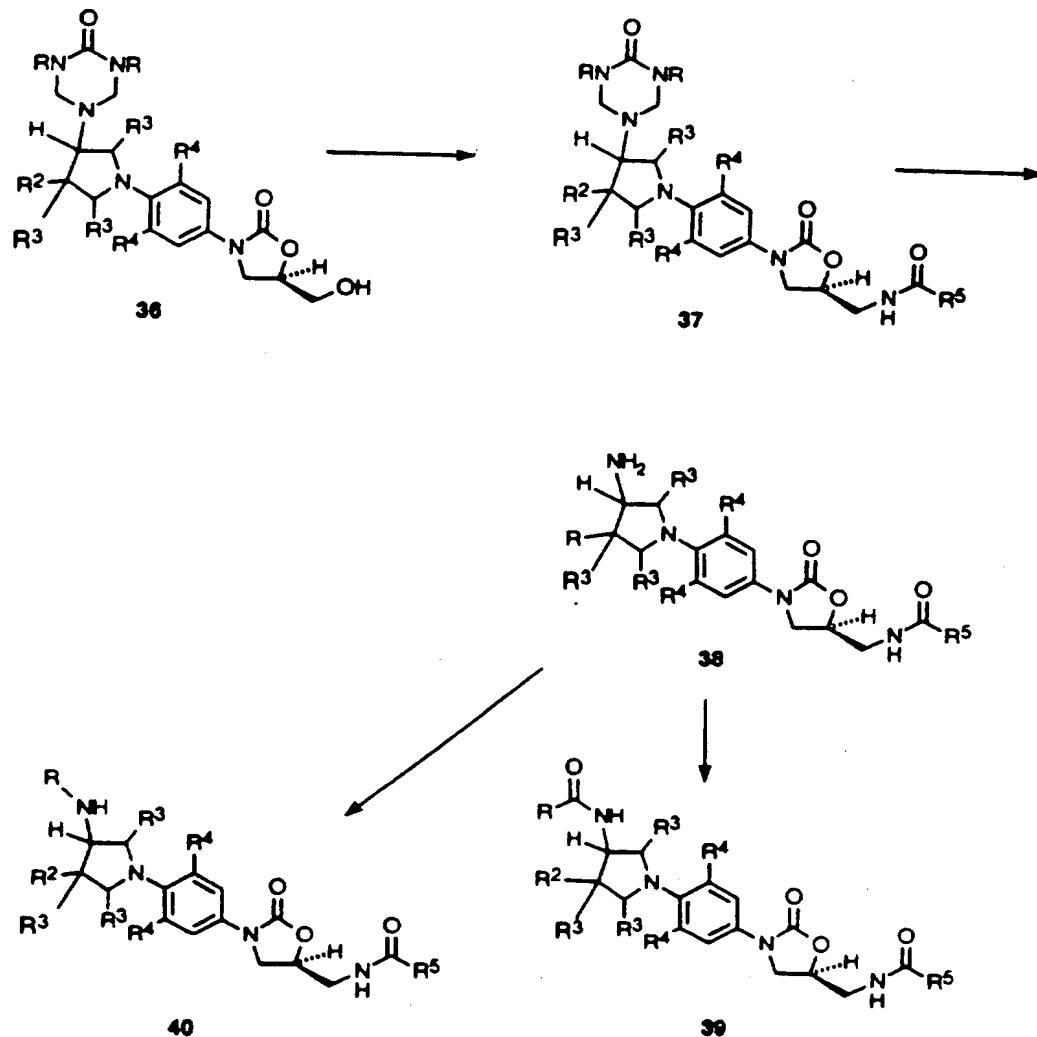


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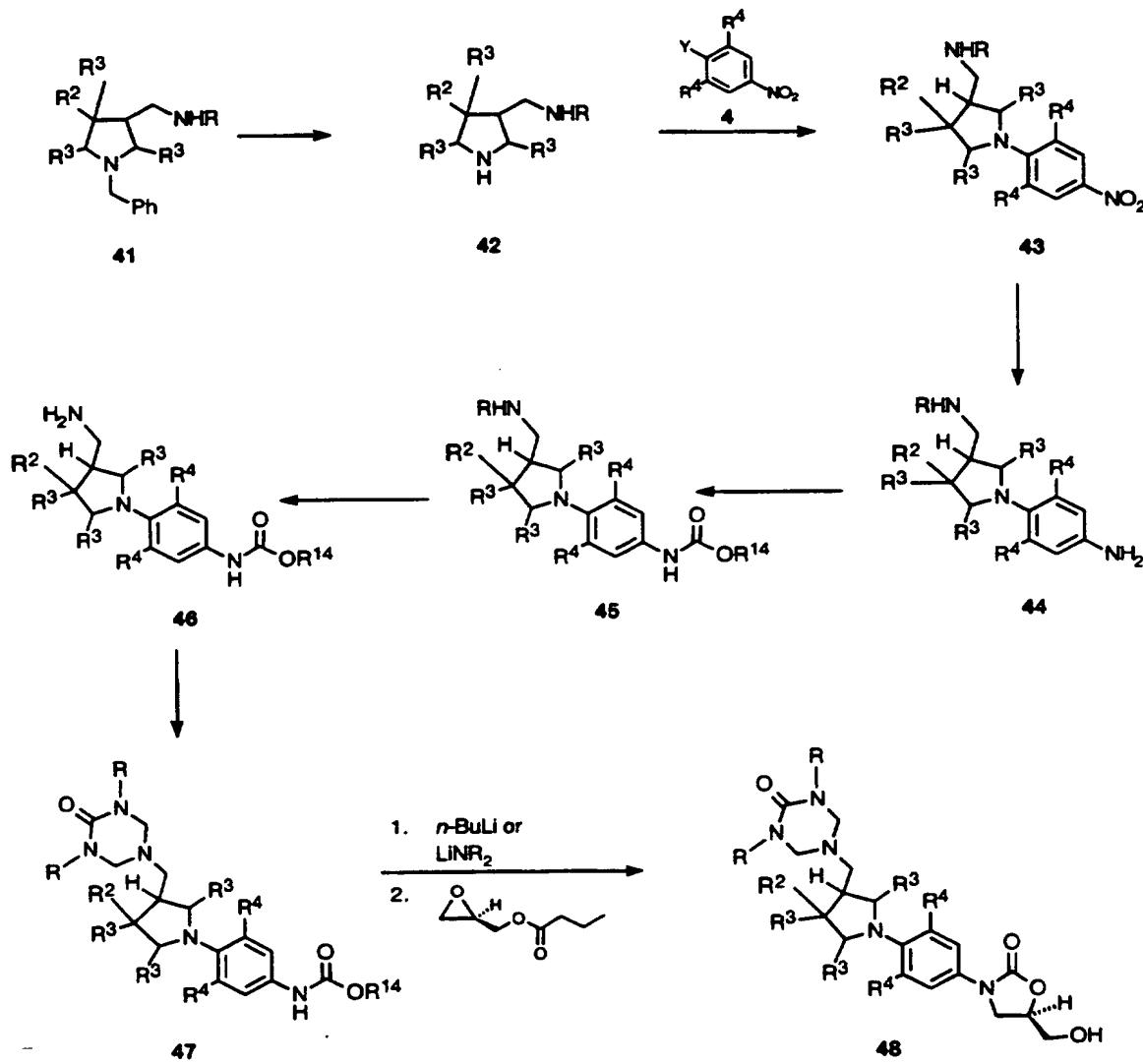


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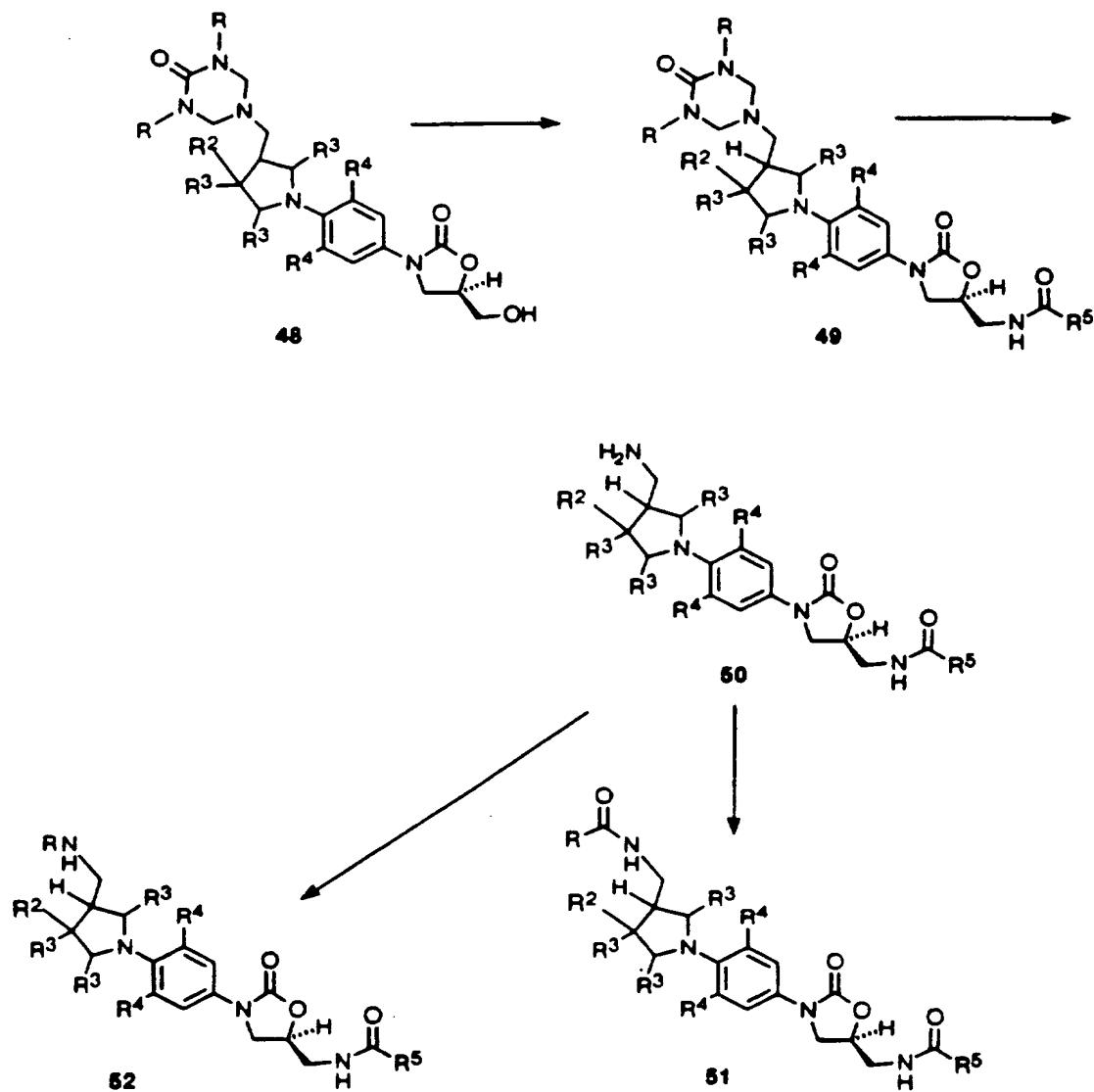


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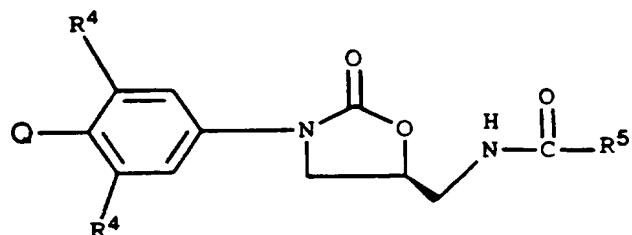
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## WHAT IS CLAIMED:

## 1. A compound of structural Formula I:

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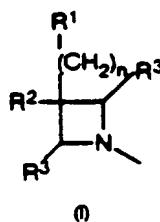


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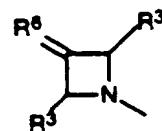
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Q is selected from the structures i, ii, iii, iv and v:

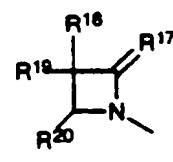
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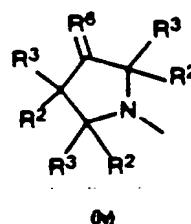


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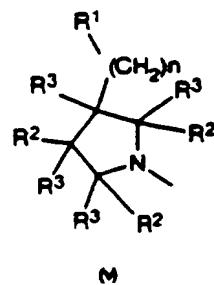


(iii)

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(iv)



(v)

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R<sup>1</sup> is (a) H or F,(b) OR<sup>7</sup>,(c) SR<sup>7</sup>,30 (d) NR<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup>,

(e) CN,

(f) C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy carbonyl,  
carboxamide,(g) C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> acyl optionally substituted with one or more of the following:  
fluorine, hydroxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> acyloxy,35 (i) NHO(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl), NHOCH<sub>2</sub>Ph,

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(j)  $\text{NSO}_2\text{R}$  where R is  $\text{C}_{1-6}$  alkyl optionally substituted with one or more F, Cl,  $\text{C}_{1-6}$  alkoxy or phenyl;  
 each  $\text{R}^2$  is independently selected from

5 (a) H or F,  
 (b) OH,  
 (c) OR where R is  $\text{C}_{1-6}$  alkyl,  
 (d)  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$  alkyl,  
 (e) Ph;

each  $\text{R}^3$  is independently selected from

10 (a) H,  
 (b)  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3$  alkyl which can be optionally substituted with F, Cl, hydroxy,  $\text{C}_{1-3}$  alkoxy carbonyl,  $\text{C}_{1-3}$  acyloxy,  $\text{C}_{1-3}$  alkoxy or  $\text{N}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4\text{ alkyl})_2$ ,  
 (c) phenyl,  
 (d) pyridyl;

15  $\text{R}^4$  is independently H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ , F or Cl;  
 $\text{R}^5$  is (a) hydrogen,  
 (b)  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$  alkyl optionally substituted with one or more of the following:  
 F, Cl, hydroxy,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$  alkoxy,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$  acyloxy,  
 (c)  $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_6$  cycloalkyl,  
 20 (d) amino,  
 (e)  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$  alkylamino,  
 (f)  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$  dialkylamino,  
 (g)  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$  alkoxy;  
 $\text{R}^6$  is (a) O,  
 25 (b) S,  
 (c)  $\text{NR}^{10}$ ,  
 (d)  $\text{CR}^{11}\text{R}^{12}$ ,  
 (e)  $(\text{OR})_2$ , where R =  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$  alkyl,  
 (f)  $\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{O}$ ,  
 30 (g)  $(\text{SR})_2$ , where R =  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$  alkyl,  
 (h)  $\text{S}(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{S}$   
 (i) to fill the valence OH and H, H and H, H and F or F and F;  
 $\text{R}^7$  is (a) H,  
 (b)  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$  alkyl optionally substituted with one or more of the following:  
 35 F, Cl, -CN, hydroxy,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$  alkoxy,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$  acyloxy,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$  alkoxy carbonyl, phenyl,

- (c)  $C_1$ - $C_8$  acyl optionally substituted with one or more of the following: hydroxy,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  acyloxy,
- (d)  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkoxy carbonyl,
- (e) carboxamide, optionally substituted with a  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl or phenyl on the carboxamide nitrogen,
- 5 (f) phenyl, optionally substituted with one or more of the following: halogen, CN,  $C_1$ - $C_3$  alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_3$  alkoxy carbonyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl optionally substituted with one or more of F or  $C_1$ - $C_3$  alkoxy;

$R^8$  and  $R^9$  are independently selected from:

- 10 (a) H
- (b)  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl optionally substituted with one or more of the following: F, Cl, -CN, hydroxy,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  acyloxy,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkoxy carbonyl, phenyl,
- (c)  $C_1$ - $C_8$  acyl optionally substituted with one or more of the following: hydroxy,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  acyloxy, amino,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  acylamino, amino- $C_1$ - $C_4$  acylamino,
- 15 (d) benzoyl optionally substituted with one or more of the following: F, Cl, hydroxy,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  acyloxy, amino,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  acylamino,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkoxy carbonyl amino,
- (e)  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkoxy carbonyl, benzyloxycarbonyl, tertbutoxycarbonyl,
- (f) carboxamide, optionally substituted with a  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl or phenyl on the carboxamide nitrogen
- (g) trifluoracetyl
- (h)  $CO(C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl);

25  $R^{10}$  is (a) H,

- (b)  $OR^7$ ,
- (c)  $NHR^7$ ,
- (d)  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl optionally substituted with phenyl;

$R^{11}$  and  $R^{12}$  are independently selected from:

- 30 (a) H, F,
- (b)  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl optionally substituted with halogen, hydroxy,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkoxy carbonyl, phenyl,
- (c)  $C_1$ - $C_8$  acyl,
- (d)  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkoxy carbonyl,
- 35 (e) CN;

$R^{17}$  is (a) O,

(b) S;

R<sup>18</sup> and R<sup>19</sup> are independently selected from:

(a) H,

(b) C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl optionally substituted with halogen, hydroxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>

5 alkoxy,

(c) OH,

(d) C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy optionally substituted with hydroxy or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy,

(e) NR<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup>

(f) -OC(O)C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl;

10 R<sup>20</sup> is (a) H,

(b) CH<sub>3</sub>;

n is 0 or 1 and m is 2 or 3.

2. The compound of Claim 1 wherein Q is structure (i).

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3. The compound of Claim 1 wherein Q is structure (ii).

4. The compound of Claim 1 wherein Q is structure (iii).

20 5. The compound of Claim 1 wherein Q is structure (iv).

6. The compound of Claim 1 wherein Q is structure (v).

7. The compound of Claim 1 wherein each R<sup>4</sup> is fluorine.

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8. The compound of Claim 1 wherein one R<sup>4</sup> is fluorine and the other is hydrogen.

9. The compound of Claim 1 wherein R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen, methoxy or methyl.

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10. The compound of Claim 1 wherein R<sup>6</sup> is oxygen, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O, HOH or NOCH<sub>3</sub>.

11. A use of a compound of structural Formula I of Claim 1 for preparing a  
35 medicament useful in treating microbial infections in warm blooded animals,  
including humans by administering to a patient a pharmaceutically effective amount

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of the compound.

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